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**TO LAWRENCE HARTSHORNE, Esq.**



**SIR,**

Having often marked your urbanity as a Gentleman, in public—felt your friendship in private, and experienced your uprightness and integrity as a merchant ; and deeming you a fit and proper person to represent “ the Bard ” in the general assembly of Letters—I hereby declare you duly elected a PATRON of the Acadian Muse, and further inscribe to you this volume of “ prose run mad ” as your diploma of honour and office.

Given under my hand (no poet being rich enough to wear a seal) at Ellenvale, this first day of June, in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty One.

**ANDREW SHIELS.**