

## TO THE READER

*WHEN* some, who heard the following discourse delivered, first did me the honour to express a desire that it might be published, I was induced to decline complying with the request, because I was sensible that, owing to various avocations, I had not given that time and application to the composing of it, which I should wish to employ in preparing a discourse to meet the public eye, and because I was apprehensive the sale of the copies would not be sufficient to defray the expence of printing.

But these considerations have been over-ruled by new applications, and farther reasons for publishing it suggested, which, whether well founded or not, I am not inclined to dispute. It is now, therefore, sent to the Press, in the same state in which it was delivered. The candid read-

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