

TO THE RIGHT HONORABLE LORD STANLEY,
SECRETARY FOR THE COLONIES.

My Lord;

In availing myself of the permission which you have condescended to grant me to inscribe to your Lordship this new Edition of the works of the Venusian Bard, I have only to express my regret that circumstances, to which I have alluded in the preface, have transpired to render it less worthy of your patronage than it probably might otherwise have been. Still, if your Lordship's public duties will permit you to examine my book, I humbly trust you will find it to be an useful Educational Work, containing much that is wanting in former editions; and not altogether undeserving, as being the first work of the kind published in the British Colonies, of being inscribed to one who gained the "ennobling palm" in more than one contest in the Classical Arena, and to whom is now committed a charge far higher, and of more serious import to mankind than the "tergemini honores" of ancient Rome.

With sincere thanks for your Lordship's kindness, I have the honour to subscribe myself,

your Lordship's very obedient servant,

EDWARD R. HUMPHREYS.

Prince Edward Island,
September 8, 1845.