

DEDICATION

TO THE

RIGHT HON. LORD JOHN RUSSELL.

MY LORD,

Your Lordship will, no doubt, be at a loss to understand how it is that you have had the honour of this dedication conferred upon you, which you have so little reason to expect, and (as you have never seen, and probably never heard of the author,) must be conscious have done so little to him to deserve, and it is but reasonable and just that I should explain the motives that actuated me. Dedications are mendacious effusions we all know, and honest men begin to be ashamed of them, as reflecting but little honour on the author or the patron; but, in a work of humour