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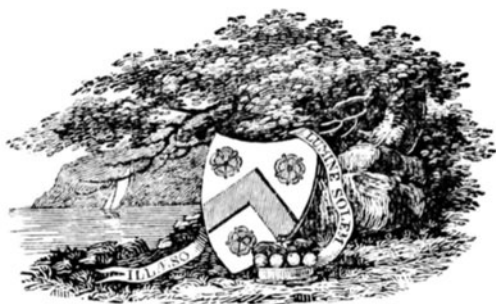
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BARON LOUGHBOROUGH, OF LOUGHBOROUGH,
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COUNTY OF LEICESTER,
LORD HIGH CHANCELLOR OF
GREAT BRITAIN.

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have endeavoured to do justice, as far as
my abilities would permit, to the Memory of
a most excellent Actor, and an honest man.

For my presumption in dedicating to your
Lordship these volumes, I have no other

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If this presumption may be forgiven me, I shall not risk the displeasure of your Lordship by a vain attempt at panegyric, where praise cannot elevate, nor by language, which is insufficient to express the sentiments of respect which I entertain for your Lordship.

Allow me only to hope, that the life, which is so eminently useful to your country, may, in its duration, rival that which I have now the honor to submit to your Lordship's protection, and that I may be permitted to subscribe myself,

My Lord,

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Most obliged, and

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