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In offering to the Public a second edition of this little work, it may be proper to notice that the first edition bore the general title of "African Sketches," consisting of two unequal divisions of Poetry and Prose.

The Author has now withdrawn the section of Verse altogether from the volume, partly from the conviction that the prose narrative forms without it a whole sufficiently complete, and partly with the view of reproducing the poetical sketches at some future period, in a separate shape, and with such additions as he hopes may render the collection less unworthy of public favour.

The omission of a few passages and notes, exclusively of colonial and temporary interest, is the only point in which the Narrative has undergone any alteration.

The expediency of a change of title in the present edition is too obvious to require remark.

T. P.

LONDON,
November 12, 1834.

TO
ROBERT PRINGLE,
GLEN-LYNDEN, SOUTH AFRICA.

MY FATHER! I TO THEE INSCRIBE THIS PAGE;
AND SEND IT FREIGHTED, LIKE A COURIER-DOVE,
WITH MANY A PRAYER OF REVERENTIAL LOVE,
TO GREET THEE IN THY DISTANT HERMITAGE.
IF SUCH SLIGHT THEMES MAY FOR AN HOUR ENGAGE
THY THOUGHTS, INTENT ON BETTER THINGS ABOVE,
THIS TALE OF TRIALS PAST PERCHANCE MAY PROVE
A RECREATION TO THINE HONOURED AGE.

SPRUNG FROM A STALWART LINE OF SCOTTISH SIRES,
BE THOU THE PATRIARCH ON AFRIC'S STRAND
OF A YOUNG RACE, WHO WITH THEIR FATHER'S FIRES
SHALL WARM THE HEART OF THEIR ADOPTED LAND;
WHO, FIRM YET GENTLE, GENEROUS, SINCERE,
SHALL FEAR THEIR GOD, AND KNOW NO OTHER FEAR.

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