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AFFECTION, AND RESPECT ;

BY HIS SON,

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THE AUTHOR.

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PREFACE.

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In presenting the following Poems to the Public, the Author wishes, for his own sake, to mention, that none of them were originally written with such a view. He is, at the same time, very conscious that the world will make its award upon their merits, without reference to the motives by which he may have been actuated in laying them before it.

The principal poem in this volume has, for its subject, those vast tracts of country lately discovered in the Pacific, Indian, and Southern Oceans; so far as they are included between the boundaries marked out by the President De

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Brosses, and adopted by Pinkerton, for that division of the whole called Australasia. These boundaries are contained by an imaginary line, drawn in the latitude of 3" or 4" to the north of the equator ; then passing south, in the meridian of 170° east from Greenwich, so as to include the New Hebrides; thence, in the parallel of 30° sould, gradually stretching to 175° west from Greenwich, including New Zealand and Chatham Island ; and which may he extended on the south as far as 60°, where the fields of ice begin to appear - or even furthes. As yet, however, no istands of any consequence have been discovered in a latitude lower than 50° south ; and, consequently, on that side, the strict demarcation must he left open to the labours of future navigators. As at present laid down, they comprise the central and chief land of Notasia, or New Holland -Papua, or New Guinea - New Britain, and New Ireland, with the Solomon Lales - New Caledonia,

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