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Field Marshal
THE DUKE
Commander in Chief of His

His Royal Highness
OF YORK
Britannic Majesty's Heir

Dedicated by permission to His Most Gracious Majesty George 4th

by His Loyal & most devoted Servant
William G. Lumsden

Born Aug^r 16th 1763. Died Jan^r 26th 1827. Aged 64.

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HAVING received an authentic Copy of the Memorandum of the latest days and illness of His Royal Highness the DUKE of YORK, and having at the same time been permitted to employ that manuscript according to my own discretion, I feel that I can in no manner more properly avail myself of such an opportunity, than by giving publicity to the incidents which are comprehended in that affecting and authentic narrative.

W. SAMS.

THE
LAST ILLNESS,
&c.

THE interest excited by the situation of the late DUKE of YORK, and by every circumstance connected with his long, painful, and lingering illness, from its commencement until the fatal hour which closed his valuable existence, has been so great, and the general feeling which it produced has caused so many particulars to be circulated and received by the public as authentic, for which there either was no foundation, or at least very imperfect foundation, that I have, upon due consideration, been induced to draw up, from minutes taken

during this distressing and trying period of my attendance upon His Royal Highness, a statement, not of the progress of the disease, or of the treatment pursued, but of such circumstances and facts as will show the condition of His Royal Highness's mind under this awful visitation of Providence; will do justice to the exemplary resolution and pious resignation with which he met and submitted to it, and will satisfy his attached friends that His Royal Highness was, in every point of view, deserving of the respect and the affection which have so strongly marked their sentiments towards him, and of the deep grief and regret which his death has occasioned in their minds and in those of the respectable and well-thinking individuals of every class in this country.

The state of His Royal Highness's health had, for some time, appeared far from satisfactory, and had occasioned more or less uneasiness to those about him; but the first indications of serious indisposition, such as to produce alarm, were upon His Royal Highness's return from Ascot to his residence in Audley-square, on the 9th of June, 1826, and Mr. Macgregor, who then saw him, urged him immediately to send for Sir Henry Hallford.

From that period His Royal Highness continued more or less an invalid, and was occasionally confined to his house.

Upon the 24th of June, His Royal Highness removed for change of air to Brompton Park, the residence of Mr. Greenwood, who kindly lent it to him; and upon that day he sent for me, and told me that he

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