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FOR BUREAU, WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,  
MAY 11, 1878.

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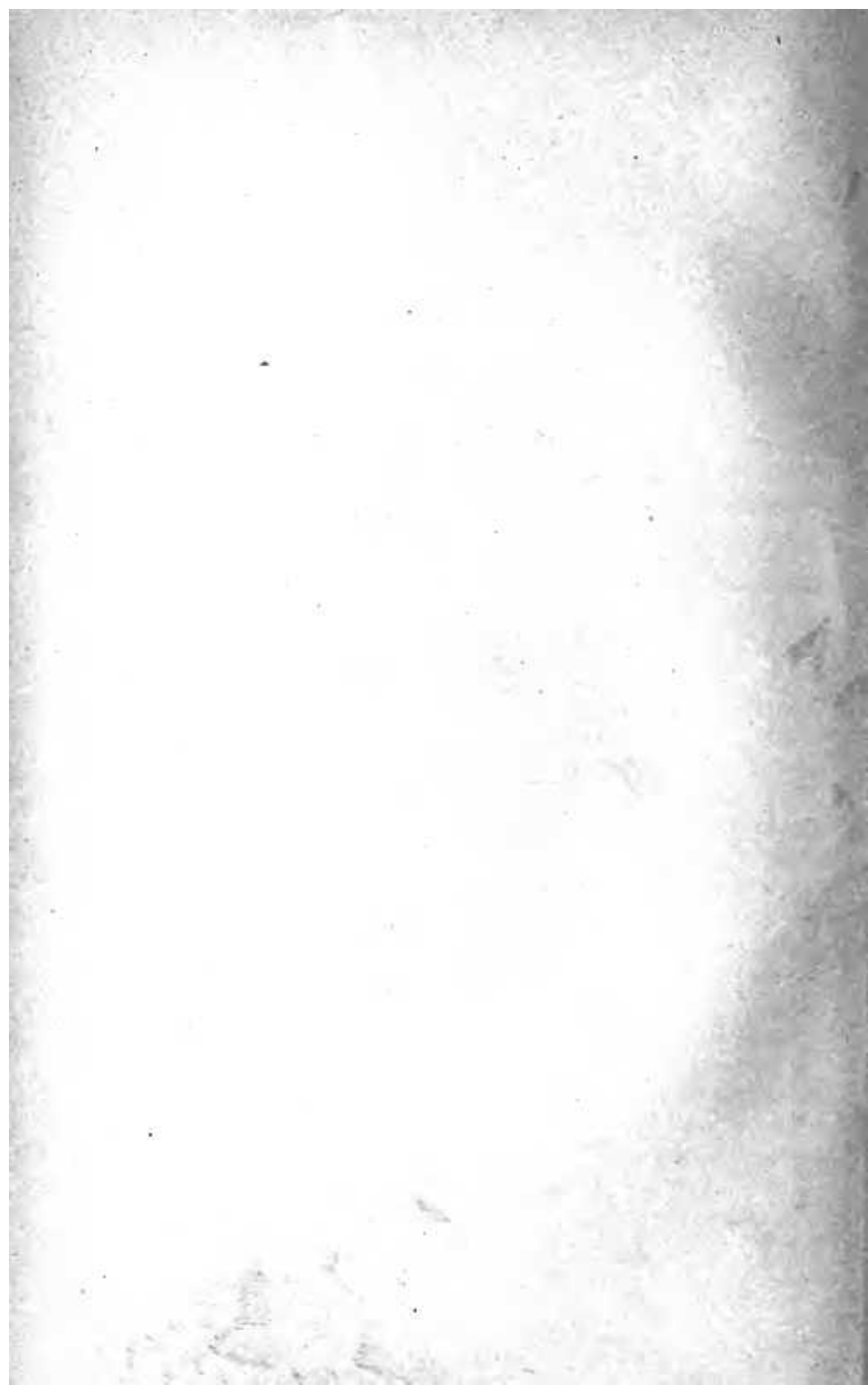
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TO THE  
UNIT OF  
CALIFORNIA

TO  
GEORGE WYMBERLEY-JONES DERENNE, ESQ.,  
OF SAVANNAH.

WHOSE INTELLIGENT RESEARCH, CULTIVATED TASTE, AND AMPLE FORTUNE HAVE BEEN  
SO GENEROUSLY ENLISTED IN RESCUING FROM OBLIVION  
THE EARLY MEMORIES OF GEORGIA,  
THESE SKETCHES ARE RESPECTFULLY AND CORDIALLY INSCRIBED.





## PREFATORY NOTE.

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If it be praiseworthy in their descendants to erect monuments in honor of the illustrious dead, and to perpetuate in history the lives and acts of those who gave shape to the past and encouragement to the future, surely it will not be deemed inappropriate to gather up the fragmentary memories of towns once vital and influential within our borders, but now covered with the mantle of decay, without succession, and wholly silent amid the voices of the present.

Against the miasmatic influences of the swamps, Spanish perils, the hostility of the Aborigines, and the poverty and sometimes narrow mindedness of the Trust, did the Colonists grievously struggle in asserting their dominion over the untamed lands from the Savannah to the Alatomaha. Nothing indicates so surely the vicissitudes and the mistakes encountered during that primal period of development, as the DEAD TOWNS OF GEORGIA. From each comes in turn the whisper of hope, the sound of the battle with nature for life and comfort, the sad strain of disappointment, and then the silence of nothingness.

Of the chosen seats and characteristics of the primitive peoples who inhabited this territory prior to the advent of the European we have elsewhere spoken.\*

Of the indications of a foreign occupancy antedating the colonization under Oglethorpe, such, for example, as those observed by DeBrahm† on Demetrius' island, and a few others which might be mentioned,—we refrain from writing, because the theories explanatory of their origin, possession, and abandonment, are so nebulous as to seem incapable of satisfactory solution.

In narrating the traditions and grouping the almost obsolete memories of these deserted villages we have endeavored to revive them, as far as practicable, in the language of those to whom we are indebted for their transmission.

CHARLES C. JONES, JR.

AUGUSTA, GEORGIA, February 1st, 1878.

\* "Antiquities of the Southern Indians, particularly of the Georgia Tribes." New York, 1873.

† History of the Province of Georgia, pp. 29, 30. Wornaloe, 1849.



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