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TO
HARRIET, LADY DRUMMOND,
OF LOGIE ALMOND,

This Poem

IS DEDICATED,

IN TESTIMONY OF THE GRATITUDE AND AFFECTION OF
HER NEPHEW,

THE AUTHOR.

Naples, April 12, 1829.



ARGUMENT.

The subject proposed.—The Muses preferred the retirement of Parnassus, and the groves watered by the Mincio, to Olympus.—The retirement of Virgil—of the lover.—The woods the retreat of the poet—of Pan—of Orpheus.—The Garden of Eden.—The retirement of Adam and Eve.—The change that the world underwent;—its happiness in its primeval state;—that of England when a savage clime, and apart from the commerce of Europe.—The march of vice kept pace with that of refinement in ancient Rome.—The honours decreed to war followed on the march of refinement.—War, a theme unadapted to a rural poem.—Even Wellington turns from war to the nobler arts of peace.—Cicero in retirement.—The woods at sunrise;—their contrast afforded by a city adorned with trophies.—The retirement of Science from the turmoil of cities;—that of the astronomer.—The regularity of the physical compared with the disorder visible in the moral world.—The retirement of the disappointed man illustrated by that of Iólaas.—The trophies and nameless records of human pride, visible at Rome, warn the wise to fly to retirement.—Cæsar and Alexander proofs of the emptiness of human greatness.—The woods contain no trophies.—The retirement of the hermit.—Episode of Morris and Ida.—The retirement of Charles V.—The happiness of blameless age—exemplified.—The poet's wish for retirement.—Conclusion.