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To His Excellency
MONSIEUR J. GENNADIUS,
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AND A
SON OF ONE OF THE FOREMOST WORKERS FOR
HER FREEDOM,
THIS BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH
OF THE
PROTOMARTYR OF HER INDEPENDENCE
IS DEDICATED.

PREFACE.

THE memory of Rhigas of Pheræ is held in the greatest veneration by Greeks in every part of the world. By all lovers of freedom, whatever their nationality, it ought also to be highly esteemed. To the majority of liberty-loving English people, however, the very name of the great Greek patriot, the protomartyr of Greek independence, is almost entirely unknown. The comparatively few who are conversant with the works of modern Greek writers cannot be otherwise than familiar with his name, and what that name accomplished, for it meets them everywhere ; but others, who have been sufficiently interested in the great struggle to consult the works of English writers, such as Gordon and Finlay only, will glean therefrom details which are often shadowy, and