

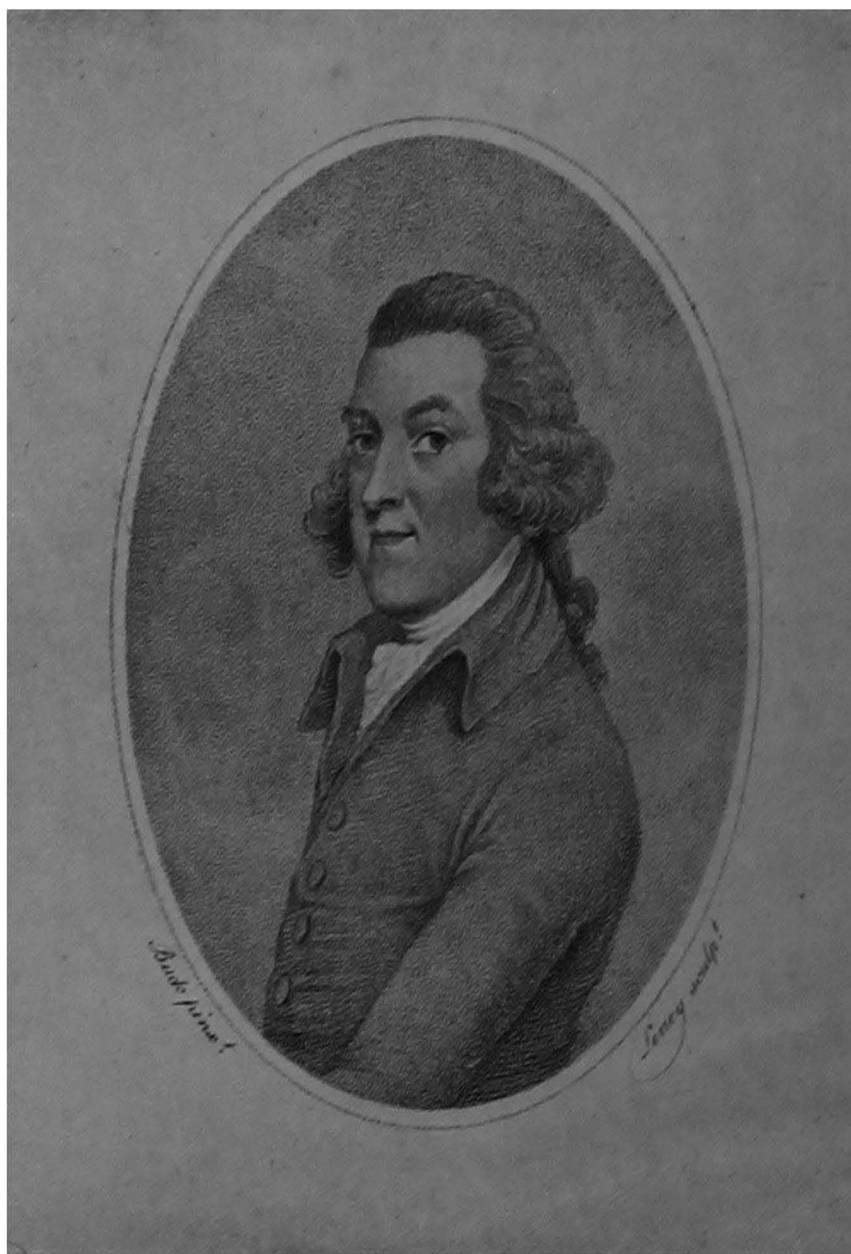
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PREFACE

THE originals of the correspondence here presented to the public were, until recent years, preserved at Costessey Park, Norfolk, the ancient seat of the Jerningham family, and are the property of Sir Henry Stafford Jerningham, the present Baronet. The letters may be left, I hope, to speak for themselves; but, in order to meet in advance the objection that they are overloaded with notes, I take the liberty of stating that these notes are to be regarded as an integral part of "Edward Jerningham and His Friends," having been added with a view to supplementing the merely allusive account which the letters afford of the society in which the poet and his correspondents lived and moved. I should perhaps add that, while the first chapter of the book consists in letters written *by* Edward Jerningham, the eleven remaining chapters are devoted exclusively to letters written *to* him.

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