

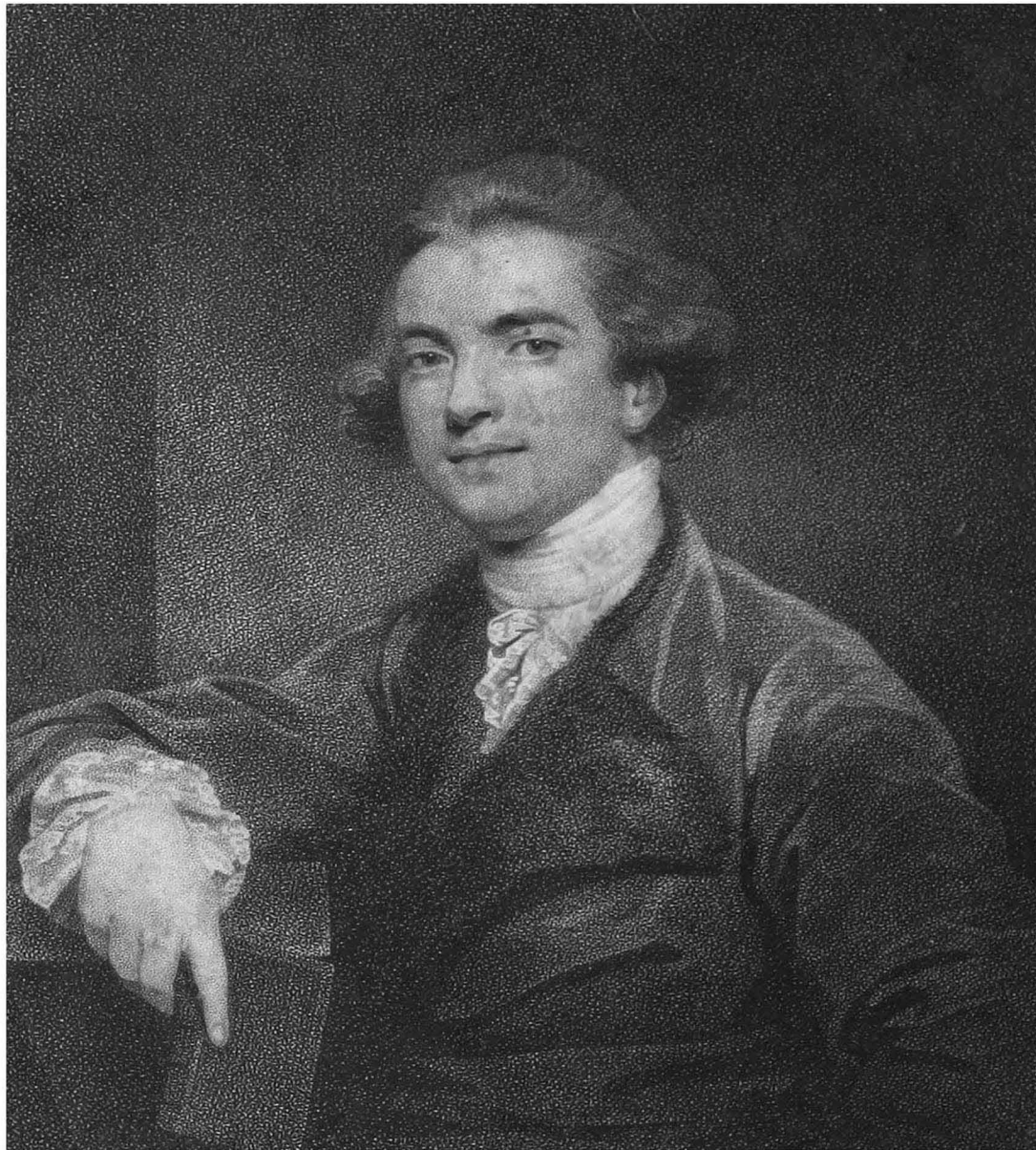


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“ He was a pearl too pure on earth to dwell,  
“ And waste his splendor in his mortal shell.”

*From the Arabick, Vol. II. p. 520.*

## PREFACE.

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“ **T**HE best monument that can be erected to a man  
“ of literary talents, is a good edition of his works.”

Such was the opinion of Sir William Jones. In-  
trusted with his Manuscripts, the Editor has therefore  
long regarded it as a sacred duty to publish the vo-  
lumes now offered to the world. Various circum-  
stances have delayed the publication; but she trusts to  
the indulgence of the feeling, and the candid, when  
they consider the difficulty of collecting papers so  
widely dispersed; and also those habits of inactivity,  
and indecision, which affliction imposes on a mind that  
has been deeply wounded.

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## PREFACE.

The Editor reserves to herself the liberty of giving, at a future period, any posthumous papers, or biographical anecdotes, of a character, which she believes to be scarce less interesting to the publick, than dear to herself! The present collection consists of all the works printed during the Author's life, and of some others, which, though not corrected by him for the press, evidently appear to have been intended for publication. To these, the Editor thinks she may, with much propriety, prefix Sir John Shore's\* admirable discourse, delivered before the Asiatick Society in Calcutta, in May, 1794; both as a mark of her respect for the writer, and because it gives the most accurate, and comprehensive account, yet extant, of Sir William Jones's enlarged views, and literary labours; and tends to illustrate a character already endeared to mankind, wherever Religion, Science, and Philosophy, prevail!

A. M. J.

\* Lord Teignmouth.

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THE DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY,  
WHO HAVE HONOURED THE MEMORY  
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