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TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS
HENRY FREDERIC,
DUKE of CUMBERLAND and STRATHERN,
EARL of DUBLIN, KNIGHT of the GARTER,
ADMIRAL of the WHITE, RANGER of WINDSOR GREAT PARK;
AND
GRAND MASTER
OF THE
ANTIEN^T and HONOURABLE SOCIETY
OF
FREE and ACCEPTED MASONS.

IMPRESSED with the warmest sense of the honour derived from the patronage of your Royal Highness, the society of Free and Accepted Masons intreat your favourable acceptance of the History and Constitutions of the Order; republished at the desire, and for the direction, of a fraternity dispersed over almost every part of the earth.

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The Committee intrusted with the superintendence of this work are well assured, that in expressing the most unfeigned gratitude to their illustrious Grand Master, they do but fulfil the desires of their brethren at large; and they have presumed thus to address your Royal Highness, from a conviction that it was by a knowledge of this institution being calculated to form good men and good subjects, your Royal Highness was first induced to take the society under your protection. Such being the laudable principles of our Order, these sketches of the history of masons, however imperfect, with a full state of those public regulations, by which their union of brotherly love is in a great degree maintained; are with the utmost propriety inscribed to their present much honoured Patron, under whom they are proud to mark one of the most flourishing æras that ever distinguished the antient society of Free Masons in Great-Britain.

With the utmost deference and respect,

We are, S I R,

Your Royal Highness's

True and faithful brethren,

and most humble servants,

Freemasons'-Hall,
May 1. 1784.

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The HALL COMMITTEE.