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TO THE
RIGHT HONOURABLE LORD ELIOT,
CHIEF SECRETARY OF STATE FOR IRELAND.

MY DEAR LORD,

The hero of these Volumes whose dedication I beg you to accept of, was sorely puzzled some forty years back by the anomalies of the worthy people among whom his lot was cast. Since that period, whatever other changes time may have worked, in these respects I am inclined to believe they remain unaltered, and are at this moment pretty much as incomprehensible as ever.

Your lordship's residence amongst us may have assured you of this latter fact, which, I suspect, is about as much knowledge as is attainable on the subject. I at least have no presumptuous expectation of elucidating the mysteries or solving the difficulties of Irish character, but with the less ambitious object of exhibiting some of their peculiar features, some of their

moods of mirth and melancholy, I have ventured on these sketches; which I should be delighted to hope might amuse a stray hour snatched from the cares of office, while they afford me an occasion to say how much I am,

My dear Lord,

Your very sincere and devoted servant,

THE AUTHOR.

Temple-Oge, November 10, 1842.