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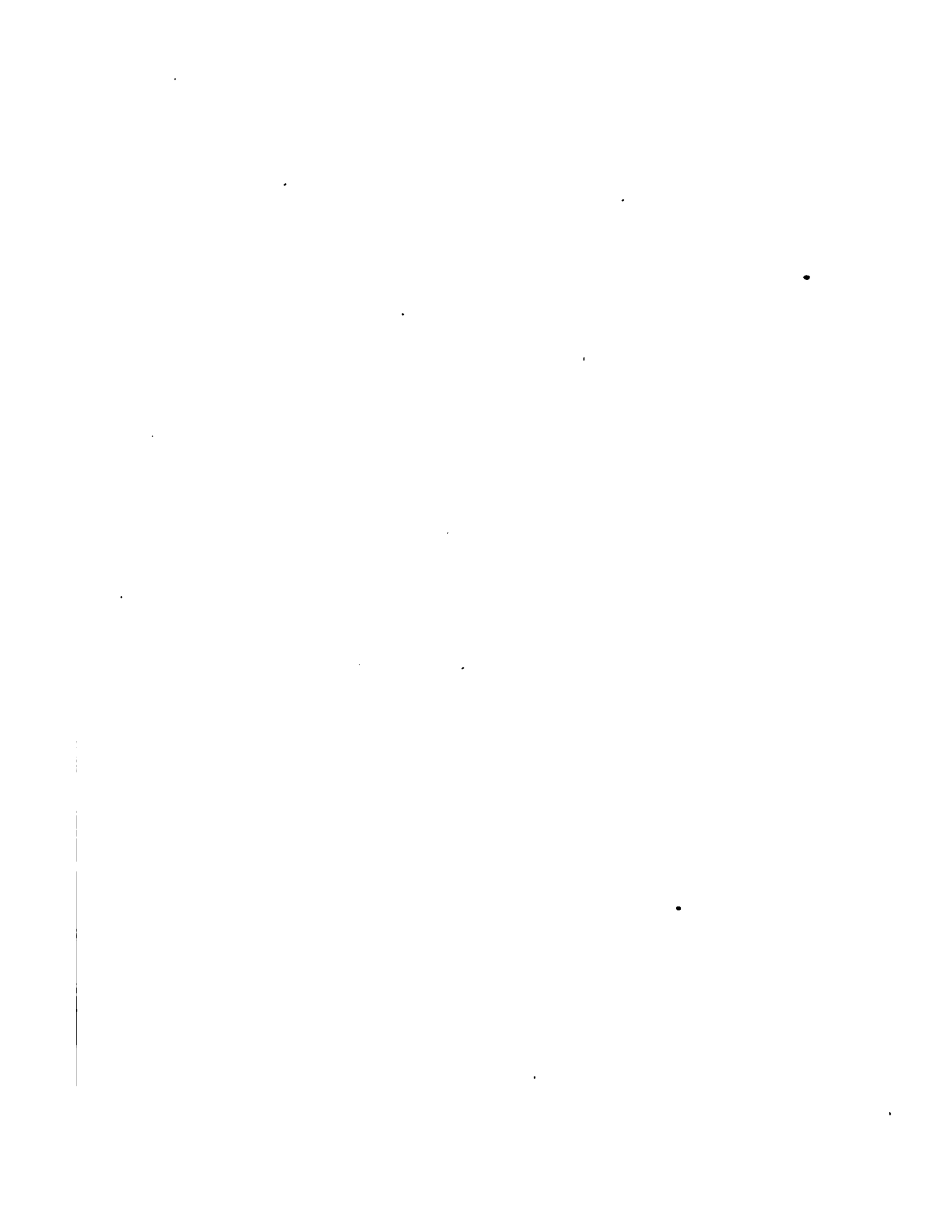
To Mrs. Dakin -

With the first volume of the (unpublished)
Poem of Alfred.

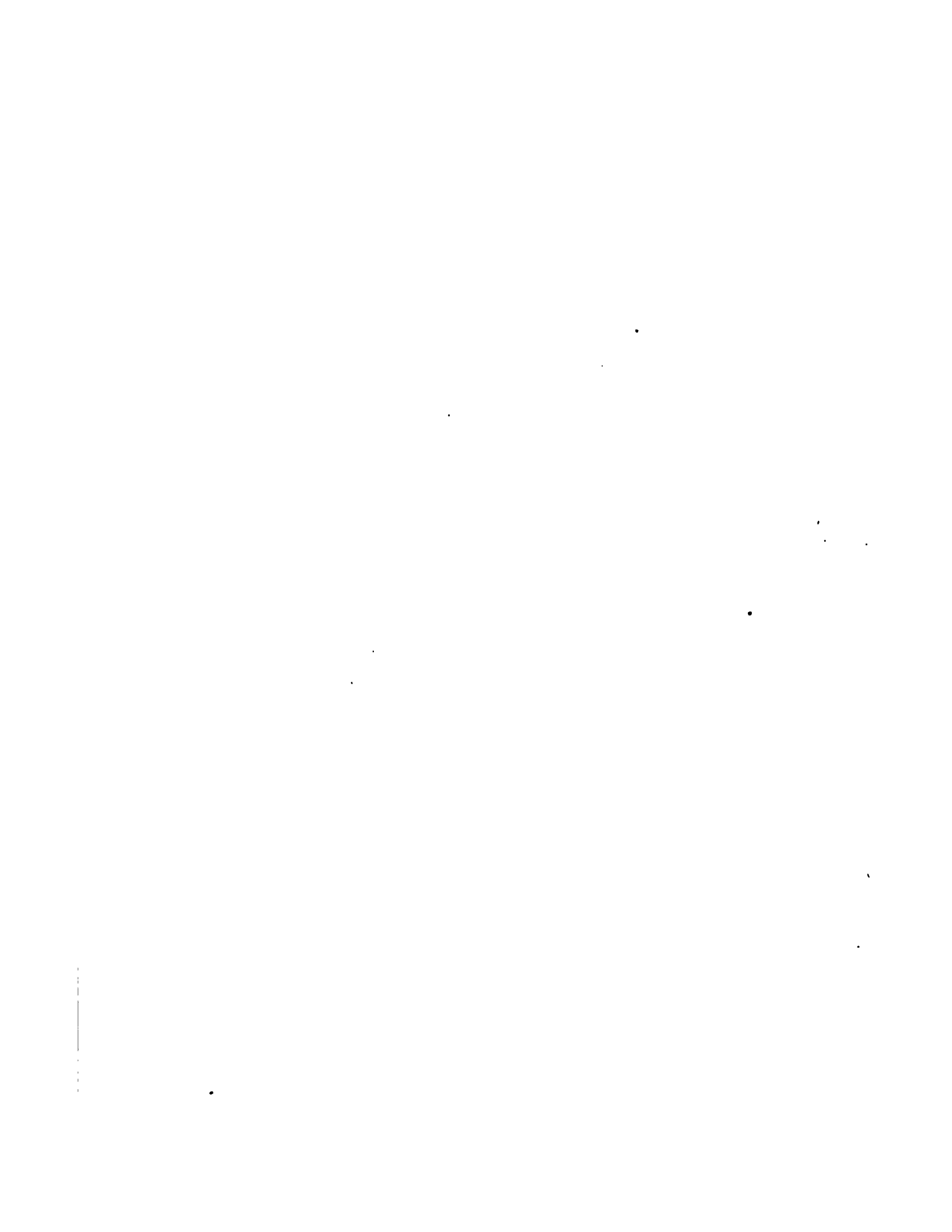
Lady, with choice foretime indulgent view,
Who, tho' to all benign, of gentle mien,
Fast to the bard still kindly courteous been,
The muse her task unfolds, as deem'd thy due,
Conscious with favor, as with counsel true,
Thy friendly eye will scan whatever may glean
From antique lore Fancy, the Muses' Queen,
Or strives in song to clothe with life anew.
If e'er his Country's ear may greet the lay,
As yet unissued into broader day,
Proud will he feel, if while a female friend
May see his toil with mild attention bend,
He deem, it aught of pleasure can impart
To honour Virtue's cause, or touch with truth the heart.

John Fitchett.

Harrington -
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TO THE KING,

HIMSELF A PATTERN OF ROYAL DIGNITY AND PRIVATE VIRTUES,

THIS ATTEMPT

TO EXECUTE AN HEROIC POEM

CELEBRATING THE ACTS OF AN ENGLISH MONARCH,

JUSTLY REVERED AS THE FOUNDER

OF OUR PRESENT INVALUABLE CONSTITUTION AND NATIONAL GLORY,

IS

(WITH HIS MAJESTY'S GRACIOUS PERMISSION)

DEDICATED

BY HIS LOYAL AND DEVOTED SUBJECT

AND SERVANT

THE AUTHOR.