

Augusta 5th Nov 1834.

My Dear Sir

I beg leave to refer to your
recollection, for he has already been presented
to you, & to recommend to your kindness
& good office, my friend Mr. Nicolle
one of the distinguished Savans of France who
has enlarged the domain of Science by numerous
valuable labours and added a charm to
his pursuits by manners the most engaging
& amiable. He makes a short visit
to Columbia to increase his stock of materials
relating to the Civil History of the U.S.
My friend has ^{been} the recipient of facilities
his distinguished merit so richly deserves.

With great regards I remain

I am Sir

Yours truly
R. A. Wilde

By Mrs. D. C. ...
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F. L. Pickens
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Wilde, RICHARD HESBY, scholar and lawyer, b. Dublin, Ireland, 24 Sept. 1789; d. N. Orleans 10 Sept. 1847. His father came to Baltimore in 1797, and d. 1802. He received from his mother his poetic talent and his education. In 1803 he removed to Augusta, Ga. Was adm. to the bar in Mar. 1809; soon rose to the head of the profession; became atty-gen. of the State; M.C. in 1815-17, 1824-5, and in 1827-35; and was disting. as an orator. He visited Europe in 1838-40, and on his return devoted himself to literature, politics, and the law. While in Florence, he discovered some documents concerning Dante, and also an original painting of the great poet on the wall of the Chapel of Bargetto. He left a MS. vol. of the poet's life. Author of "The Love, Madness, and Imprisonment of Tasso," 2 vols. 1842, and "Hesperia," wrote for the *Southern Review* an article on Petrarch; and contrib. to the magazine. From 1843 to his d. he was prof. of law in the U. of La. at New Orleans. His literary productions are numerous, and bear the impress of a gifted and highly educated mind. One of his lyrics, entitled "My Life is Like a Summer Rose," received the praise of Lord Byron.