

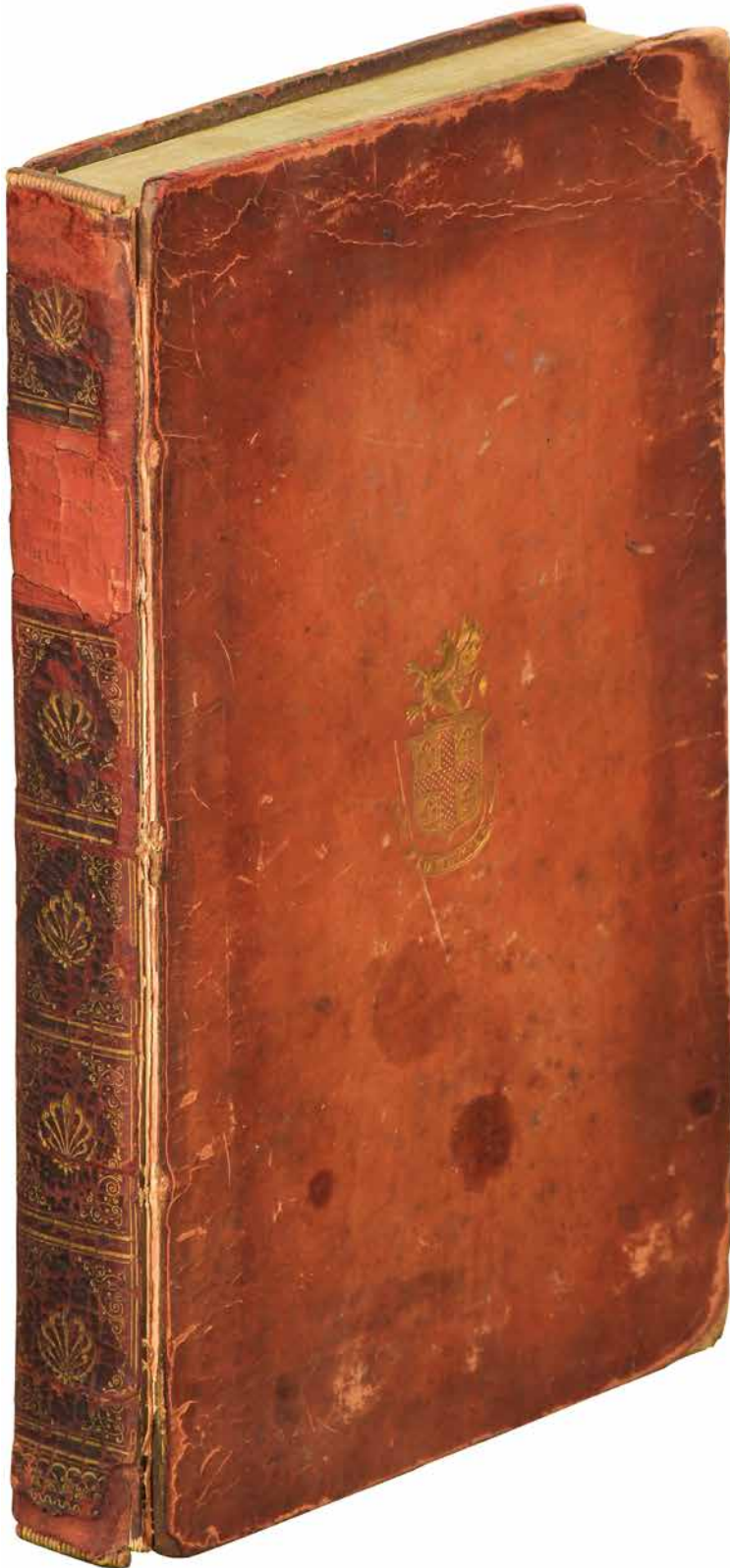
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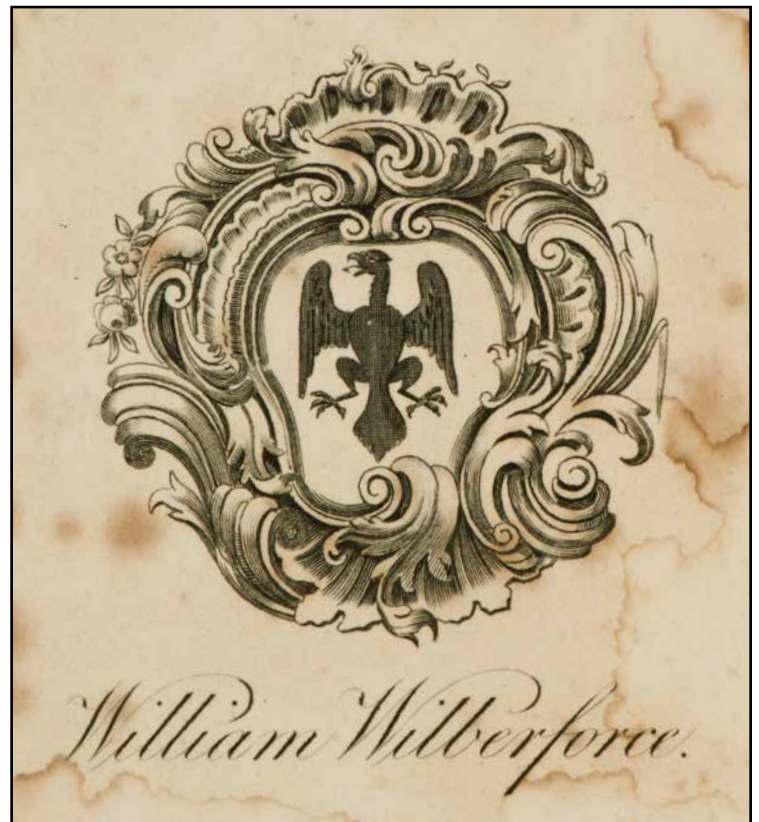
The Evidence of Christianity, Derived from Its Nature and Reception

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Contemporary brown calf with the gilt armorial device of Lewis Richard Ashurst on the front board. Joints split and neatly repaired, corners rounded, a sound, good only copy. William Wilberforce's copy with his bookplate on the front pastedown, and his ownership Signature thrice: twice on the title page and once at the beginning of the Preface (with a passage marked in ink). The top of one of the signatures is very slightly trimmed, barely touching the top of the signature. Wilberforce was among the foremost English abolitionists and was largely responsible for both the abolition of the slave trade, and of slavery itself in Great Britain. [BTC#395464]



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THE idea, which the following pages are designed to illustrate, is briefly this: that a religion like the Christian could never have existed, unless it had been introduced by divine authority. It could not have been invented: it would not have been received.

This line of argument has at least one advantage; at the same time that it proves, if well founded, that the religion is true, it shows also what the religion is.

I am by no means confident, however, that the field into which I have been led in pursuit of the idea above mentioned, is sufficiently unoccupied to justify this addi-