

who despise every thing their own country produces.

To unprejudiced minds, travels in Europe, like European deeds, are in fact not half so interesting, as the same in their own country. Because their numberless historians have thrown over the slightest matters of record, an appearance of dignity, and because poets and tragedians have applauded to the skies, even the follies of their rulers; their accounts like painted images, which look remarkably natural at a distance, are upon close inspection found to be coarsely executed, and pass very readily in the remote districts which we inhabit, whilst productions of our own, are very frequently neglected. When the United States of America shall have stood for ages, and increasing as it does now, becomes one of the most powerful nations of the globe; historians, poets, and orators, will speak of its smallest movements, in their most flowery language; and then travels through the civilized parts of the states, may be thought more worthy the attention of its citizens, than they can possibly be at the present day.

The volume here obtruded into public notice, claims no advantages of diction. Its only excellency if it has any, lies in the remarkable scene, which it endeavours to describe. It is offered with a feeling of national pride, that our country can be travelled, and present at almost every step, prospects of the grandest kind to greet the sight, and objects of nature and art,

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