

TO THE PUBLIC.

THE following Essay, originally intended for publication in Melbourne, was written during the residence of the author in the southern colonies, which will explain various incidents alluded to in the Poem. The writer having been called by business to New Zealand; abandoned the idea of publishing it then. Being a sojourner for a time among my native hills, I hereby offer it to the public without note or comment, feeling assured that if it has merit it needs no apology; if it has none, apology would be useless; and in that case it will certainly get none from me.

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