

prescribed. The principal information contained in this work will be drawn either from the personal observation of the author, or from authority on which he could fully rely. He has not the vanity to think that he can bring to light circumstances which others have not had penetration to discern, but he aspires to the merit of compiling a work which may be of the greatest service to future emigrants from Europe; by pointing out to them the evident advantages of this country, when compared to any part of the United States. The author has visited most parts of the United States, from Pennsylvania to the Penobscot River, approaching towards Halifax in Nova Scotia: he has travelled through the interior of this immense country, and under circumstances the most advantageous for procuring local information. These countries have been described by many authors, and many of those writers have had their private reasons for extolling each particular state or country in the Union. I am far from wishing to accuse such narratives of falsehood; but I may be fully credited when I suggest, that an account of any country from a dispassionate traveller may with greater propriety be relied on, than a statement of facts embellished by partiality or interest. An author who has, or may have, immense tracts of wild land which he cannot but wish to have settled, cannot write without some bias on his mind. I should be wanting in candour and justice, if I did not acknowledge, that these countries, which I have had the satisfaction to explore, afford the purest gratification