

TO THE READER.

THE few following pages have been chiefly compiled from the best works and most authentic documents that relate to the history of Scottish Highlanders, and their emigration to America. One of the objects of the writer has been to make the descendants of the early Highland settlers in British America in some degree acquainted with the loyalty and bravery of their ancestors ; and to excite them to emulate those virtues for which their forefathers have become proverbial all over the world. And to them it may well be a subject of deep interest and pleasure, that even now they live under the Sovereign protection of the lineal descendant of King Robert Bruce ; Her Gracious Majesty, Queen Victoria, having sprung from the Royal Stuarts of Scotland, by Princess Sophia, Grand-daughter of James I. of England, who was married to Ernest Augustus, the Ninth Elector of Hanover.

Another motive for the following publication has arisen from a desire to afford, if possible, to those who enjoy " their native Highland Home," some account of their Countrymen in British America, and to throw out a few particulars to such as may feel disposed to emigrate to Nova-Scotia, Cape Breton, New-Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, where the writer was stationed for some time,