

The author has, to a certain extent, retained the form of a journal, as furnishing one of the best guarantees for a traveler's fidelity. He has, in almost every case, confined himself to what he saw and heard, sparing no pains to separate truth from error; and, wherever he has introduced any extraneous matter, he has done so with the view of throwing light on the essential points of his own experience.

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