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TRAVELS THROUGH GERMANY,

IN

A SERIES OF LETTERS;

WRITTEN IN GERMAN BY THE BARON RIESBECK.

AND TRANSLATED

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THE following letters were written in the German language by the baron Caspar Reisbeck, a native of the dutchy of Wurtemberg.

As the author has assumed the character of a Frenchman, it has been presumed, that he was of that nation: But, besides that the work was never published in France, the freedom and severity with which he every where treats the natives of that country, convey sufficient proof that he did not belong to it himself. He died February 5, 1786, of a fever, at Aran, in Switzerland, aged thirty years.

The many inaccuracies which may be found scattered up and down in the translation, will meet with some apology in the bosom of the candid, when they are pleased to consider the painful and tedious illness, under which the translator laboured, and which at last put a period to his life. And if the reader, in the perusal of the work, should meet with passages which have the appearance of indelicacy, he may be assured that many more are omitted, which may be found in the original, and even those which remain, hardly sufficient to give offence to the most scrupulous, were intended to have been expunged by the translator, whose purity of thought could only be surpassed by the