

SUFFERINGS OF THE NEEDY;
OR
A JOURNEY TO THE WEST.

CHAPTER I.

INTRODUCTION.

At the request of my friends, and for the perusal of my children when I am gone, I am prompted to offer a short account to the public, believing that few of my associates have passed through more privations in their outset in life than myself and wife, if they have as many.— Perhaps this little work may fall in the hands of some who may consider it exaggerated, but it is, nevertheless, true; the only deficiency being the absence of many little things which time has erased from my memory. But finding that most