

homes, and from that baneful combination of deteriorating influences, their opinions command but little respect, as they fancy they see many virtues in the colony that do not in reality exist, except in their own disordered brains, just on the same principle that a man affected with jaundice sees everything yellow. But if a true delineation of the character of existing realities, and a correct portraiture of the anatomical construction of each individual entity in the colony, be the motive of enquiry, then the proper person to supply the desiderata is a European who has been in the country but a few weeks, and before he has lost the *ægis* embraced in his pride of country, and his determination not to admit that anything in a colony can equal in perfection even the least perfect of the same element in the mother country. By such a man the truth will be told without garnish and without stint; and I shall not put it into any person's power to accuse me of having procured my facts from a less reliable source. And happy would it be for the human family if every seeker after truth were equally cautious and prudent.