

to pause for the arrival of our luggage and the Evelyns, before determining our ultimate destination. It was thus so far fortunate that we had come on instead of waiting at Cornwall, as I had proposed; for I found Prescot a much more eligible resting-place, and the proper point from which we could best start towards our location; moreover, I met there with several gentlemen interested in the commerce of the country, which centres there, as the chief landing-place, both for exports and imports, and learned from them a variety of information which tended to allay many apprehensions, and to give me still more correct ideas of the country, and of the course I should pursue.