

own researches, I cannot pretend to say. On the present occasion, I have merely endeavoured to describe things as I saw them, and to add such reflections as were suggested on the spot, or have since arisen in my mind.

As considerable misconception appears to prevail in England respecting the financial affairs of the United States, I have taken pains to collect authentic accounts of the revenue and expenditure of that country. The details, as far as I have obtained them, are given in a tabular form at the end of the second volume.

During the journey, I had opportunities of making some sketches with the Camera Lucida, an instrument invented by the late Dr. Wollaston. But I have thought it best, instead of encumbering this work with drawings of such slender pretensions, to publish, in a separate form, a selection of those which appeared most characteristic.

I beg leave, before parting, to say one word to my kind friends on the other side of the Atlantic.

I have studiously avoided mentioning circumstances, or even making allusions, calculated to give pain to any person; and although I dare scarcely hope that my account will be very popular in America, I shall deeply lament having written on the subject at all, if these pages shall be thought to contain a single expression inconsistent with the gratitude, which, in common with my family, I must ever feel for the attention and hospitality we received from the Americans, or with the hearty good-will we bear to every individual whom we met with in their widely extended country.

EDINBURGH, 15th June, 1829.