

TO THE PUBLIC.

THE spirit of virtue and morality which breathes in this ancient piece of Eastern instruction,* its force and conciseness, and the hopes that it may do good, have prevailed with the person to whom it was sent, to communicate to the public what was translated only for his particular amusement. There are some reasons, which at present make it proper to conceal not only his own name, but the name of his correspondent, who has now resided in China several years and been engaged in a business very different from that of collecting literary curiosities. These reasons will not subsist long; and, as he seems to intimate a design on his return to England, to publish an entire translation of Cao-Tsou's whole journey. The public then in all probability will have an opportunity of being satisfied concerning any particulars which they may be curious to know.

* Meaning the first part, which was published some time before the other appeared.