

TRAVELS AND ADVENTURES
OF
GEORGE SAMUEL CULL.

CHAPTER I.

EARLY CHILDHOOD.

I was born in Woolwich, England, on the 9th of March, 1840, it is a large and beautiful town, built on the right bank of the River Thames, in the County of Kent, eight miles eastward of London Bridge, its population is about 25,000, exclusive of the military. When I was eight months old, I was attacked with convulsive fits (when teething) which caused me to lose my hearing, so I became deaf and dumb. I am the fourth son of Mr. George Cull, who belonged to the Royal Artillery, and was steward to Colonel Anderson, who commanded the fifth Brigade.

I was living in Woolwich till I was four years old, when we got the route for Chester. This old City is in the County of Chester, beautifully situated on the rising dry rock, surrounded by a great wall nearly two miles in length, with the River Dee, which winds around it on two sides, in an irregular semi-circle. After remaining in Chester for three years, we removed to Manchester, where I was put into the Deaf and Dumb School. In the month of December, 1846, my dear parents, with the family, again removed to Woolwich, with Colonel Anderson's company of Artillery, after their abode in Manchester for one year

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