

THE RED RIVER COLONY ;

AND THE

NORTH-WEST-AMERICAN INDIANS.

CHAPTER I.

DEPARTURE FROM ENGLAND.—ARRIVAL AT THE ORKNEY ISLES.—ENTER HUDSON'S STRAITS.—ICEBERGS.—ESQUIMAUX.—KILLING A POLAR BEAR.—YORK FACTORY.—EMBARKED FOR THE RED RIVER COLONY.—DIFFICULTIES OF THE NAVIGATION.—LAKE WINIPEG.—MUSKEGGOWUCK, OR SWAMP INDIANS.—PIGEWIS, A CHIEF OF THE CHIPPEWAYS OR SALTEAUX TRIBE.—ARRIVAL AT THE RED RIVER.—COLONISTS.—SCHOOL ESTABLISHED.—WOLF-DOGS.—INDIANS VISIT FORT DOUGLAS.—DESIGN OF A BUILDING FOR DIVINE WORSHIP.

ON the 27th of May, 1820, I embarked at Gravesend, on board the Honourable Hudson's Bay Company's ship, the Eddystone ; accompanied by the ship, Prince of Wales, and the Luna brig, for Hudson's Bay. In my appointment as Chaplain to the Company, my in-