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PREFACE.

READER,

When I wrote my *Journal and Travels* through Lower Canada, I had not even a distant prospect that the Work would ever be called to the Press. It was written with design to amuse my friends at home, also to bring to my own recollection periods of my life with interesting occurrences, which might escape my memory.

I have been requested, from time to time, by a numerous circle of acquaintances, to commit the work to the press. I have done it with reluctance, knowing that there are works extant of the same nature, written by men of superior qualifications; at the same time, willing to accommodate my friends, and give what information lies in my power to the interesting emigrant, and those who have relations in that country, I have collected such materials from my manuscript, as I consider myself will give my readers some idea of the country, its climate, soil, produce, and manners of the inhabitants. I could not be found saying any thing in favour of my own productions. If any should reap a benefit, my design is so far accomplished. I am aware that there are many imperfections in the work. The discerning critic, I hope will not be over anxious.

The borrowed passages are taken from respectable authors, and I hope will prove a source of entertainment.

Edinburgh, May 1827.