

## P R E F A C E.



THE variety of Grammars of the English Language, that has already appeared before the public, is great. On this account, a reason may perhaps be required by some persons, why this Grammar is published, when so many have preceded it. To this the Author replies, that though many works have been ushered into the world before this, yet none of them appears to be executed on the same plan as it. One of the chief motives to the composition of this work, was to condense into one small volume, every thing of much value in Grammar, Elocution, Punctuation and Composition, including Exercises and Key. Murray's works on these subjects comprehend six or seven volumes, and to go through them all, is both tedious and expensive : yet a student who would wish to be acquainted with the above subjects, must be under the necessity of studying all the volumes. Another motive to the production of this work was, to rectify some errors of Murray ; as with respect to the Verb *to be*—and to supply a number of things omitted by him ; and as it is now a considerable time since he wrote, another motive