

TO SIR JOSEPH BANKS, BAR^T. PRESIDENT
OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY,¹ &c. &c. &c.

SIR,

I FEEL the highest satisfaction in being permitted to dedicate this work to one whose pursuits have ever been more peculiarly directed to objects of originality, and whose scientific researches have contributed so largely to the information and benefit of society.

The public are too well acquainted with your general knowledge in every branch of literature, to suspect that I hold the language of adulation. Should I attempt to do justice to a character so eminently distinguished, my feeble efforts could only be regarded as the grateful effusions of a mind proud of a patronage that can ensure an especial share of public notice and protection.

I have the honour to be, very respectfully,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

J. LONG.

London,

February, 1791.

¹ Sir Joseph Banks, president of the Royal Society from 1778 until his death in 1820, was the patron of discoverers, having himself voyaged around the world with Captain Cook (1768-71). He was especially interested in North-west exploration, and the customs and habits of primitive people, and to him Alexander Henry dedicated his *Travels and Adventures in Canada*.—ED.