

P R E F A C E.

THE first part of the following work was written with the design of conveying an idea of some of the picturesque scenery of the Saint Lawrence, at once the largest and most wonderful body of fresh waters on this globe.

Numbers of tributary streams, some of which are of immense magnitude, disembogue themselves into this gigantic flood, which, from its principal source, Lake Superior, to its junction with the Ocean, parts with none of its waters, but rolls thither all that it receives.

The restless impetuosity of many of these streams has furrowed up the surface of the land, and produced objects of stupendous grandeur. Several of these awful and sublime operations of Nature, have hitherto been visited by a small portion only of civilized men. Her most wild features, her most striking and attractive charms, are frequently concealed in the midst of unfrequented deserts.

To the picturesque description of the scenes in Canada, is added that of the climate and productions of