

DEDICATION.

TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE ALBERT.

LONDON, May 1, 1841.

SIR,

WHEN I took the liberty to transmit to Your Royal Highness, the announcement of my proposed Work on America, You did me the honour to assure me, that "it would afford You much pleasure to give it Your full sanction and patronage." Your Royal Highness further condescended to observe, that "the feelings of good-will towards the American people, under which this Work was undertaken, could not fail at the present moment of producing a desirable effect."

While I am deeply sensible of this act of kindness on the part of Your Royal Highness toward myself personally—I feel yet more strongly the value and importance, from their future influence on the public weal, of the generous sentiments to which Your Royal Highness has been pleased to give expression.