form and structure of the globe; and many mathematicians and philosophers zealously applied themselves to the perfection of geographical science. Yet geography can hardly be said to have been cultivated generally, or to have been designedly promoted, apart from views of political or mercantile interest, prior to the period at which we have now arrived in the course of this work. The curiosity of mankind is now more liberal and exalted; and, among civilised nations, not even war is allowed to obstruct the progress of geographical researches. Our reflections on the growth of geographical science are, therefore, reserved for the volume that is to follow.

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