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My James Mac Gregor (circa 1829) ?

PREFACE.

The following observations are the result of my inquiries while residing in, and travelling over, the British possessions in America. Although never interested in Emigration, (further than the question itself relates to our Colonies, or to the condition and prospects of families, or individuals leaving the land of their forefathers, and planting themselves along the shores, or amidst the forests of the Western world,) yet intimately connected as I am with, and anxiously as I feel for, the prosperity of those interesting countries, I could not, with the opportunities which I have had, but direct a portion of my inquiries to this very important subject.

During my last visit to America, from whence I have but lately returned, I endeavoured, among other matters in which I was in reality more directly engaged, to ascertain, satisfactorily, the present state of the inhabitants, and the prospects for new settlers, and also the opinions of leading