

PREFACE.

THE great and growing interests of the Canadas, and the readiness shown by Great Britain to promote the advancement and prosperity of a country of such extent and importance, must render any account of its actual state, at the present moment, highly desirable. The encouragement given to emigrants to settle at such a distance from their native land; the magnitude of the improvements at present in active operation; and the imperfect knowledge we have hitherto possessed of the internal resources, productions, and capabilities of one of the most valuable of our colonies—have excited a very lively curiosity in the public mind for any new particulars on these interesting points, on the truth of which the fullest reliance may be placed.

Having obtained, from personal observation and experience, the most minute and accurate informa-