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PREFACE.

A FEW months relaxation from professional studies during the summer of the year 1812, and a very liberal offer of the EARL OF SELKIRK, induced me to become the medical attendant on his Lordship's colony, then about to depart for HUDSON'S BAY.

The notes which I took during that very interesting voyage, have lain by me ever since; nor is it probable they would ever have emerged from obscurity, but for the unprecedented interest which the affairs of that part of the northern world have of late excited, and for the present convenient and popular form of publication.

The literary defects which pervade this Narrative require, I am aware, some apology; but this, I should hope, will be afforded by the unremitting anxieties to which I am exposed, in my present situation of Assistant to the extensive Lying-in Hospital of this city.

Dublin Lying-in Hospital,
Aug. 26, 1819.



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