

INTRODUCTORY LETTER.

MY DEAR BROTHER,—In dedicating to you the following pages, I fear I have followed my own inclinations rather than consulted yours ; I trust, however, that in their perusal you may find some information if not amusement, and that the many faults which you cannot fail to detect in their composition, will be overlooked when you reflect that they have been presented to you hastily put together, and more as a tribute of affection from one brother to another, than with any expectation that they should meet with a favourable reception from the public.

When about to make the tour which forms the subject of the present volume, I half promised to give you some detailed account of what I saw, and to impart any informa-