

TO
MRS HAMILTON NISBET FERGUSON,
OF
DIRLETON AND BELHAVEN.

MADAM,

IN presenting to your notice the following Sketches, it is without expectation that they will be found to contain information practically useful to any one; the only interest they can possess will arise from their relation to that part of the world, so appropriately styled the "poor man's country."

I hold in respect all who, in exerting their philanthropy, smooth the way for the unfortunate whom necessity compels to search for a second home; but having witnessed some of the hardships which many of my poor expatriated countrymen have to endure, my heart warms with a double fervency towards those who maintain a still higher position as benefactors of