

CRITICAL NOTICES.

'As a work of reference, Mr. Martin's publication will be necessary to all libraries, whose owners take an interest in Colonial affairs, for it contains information which cannot be procured elsewhere.'—*Spectator*.

'Unquestionably Mr. Martin has claim to our highest praise for extraordinary perseverance and research, as well as for judicious selection and arrangement of materials, in this Historical and Statistical Work.'—*Naval and Military Gazette*.

'Mr. Martin possesses eminent qualifications for the task he has undertaken—he has not merely a taste but a passion for statistics; a sheet of figures is to him as delightful as a landscape of Claude's to a virtuoso, and he frames tables with as much facility as if Babbage's calculating engine formed a part of his mental machinery. Connected for many years with the colonies, he has acquired a thorough knowledge of colonial and commercial policy—an economist of no mean order, he has arranged and digested that knowledge so as to afford information and guidance for the future. Above all, imbued with the purest principles of philanthropy, his aim, in all his publications, has been to point out the best means for increasing the amount of human happiness.'—*Athenaeum*, March, 1834.

'A ponderous work upon a gigantic subject:—it is a page of history that has long been required to be filled up, and we are glad that the work has been undertaken by one, who is in every way so competent to undertake it by his long acquaintance with the subject on which he writes; if the succeeding volumes should be equal to this, it will be one of the most valuable and complete works ever published; as it sets before us in all its departments, physical, statistical, political, and ecclesiastical, the history of those countries, which, being the offspring of our own, are undoubtedly entitled to the highest place. The statements must have cost Mr. Martin immense labour and research.'—*Liverpool Courier*.

'A work which would seem too herculean for individual achievement: we can say, however, after a very careful perusal, that its author has eminently succeeded.'—*Liverpool Journal*.

'The plan, as exemplified before us, comprehends every feature of interest to which the curiosity of mankind can be directed in a given country, and our literature is enriched with one of the most valuable contributions that it has ever received.'—*Liverpool Albion*.

'Mr. Martin not only surveys, but he explains; he not only gives you measurement, but he is a meteorologist, a mineralogist, and a financier; he omits nothing that can possibly be brought to bear on the subject of his work, which, in point of value, has perhaps never been exceeded. The varieties of nations among 100,000,000 British subjects, on 1,000,000 square miles of English dominion—the form of government in the several presidencies—the exact state of their several civil and military establishments—their debt and expenditure—the value of money in the different provinces—the general policy—the manners and customs, and climates of these swarms of nations, all meet with attention, and on each point, where it is practicable, we have a statistical table, defining, with precision, all matters that can be reduced to such certainty.'—*New Monthly Magazine*, April.

'This splendid production of talent, as varied as it is replete with unwearied industry, treats of the British possessions comprising their history, commerce, finance, productions, monetary system, state of religion and of the press, with a mass of statistical, geographical, scientific, and other details. It is, in fact, a work of very high merit, and embodying a fund of information indispensable alike to the statesman, the legislator, the merchant, manufacturer, and trader in every class, as well as the general reader. We do not think that for many years past, a work of more utility and instruction has issued from the fertile press.'—*Guardian and Public Ledger*.

'The vast Colonial appendages to the Empire of Britain—wings spreading over all the divisions of the habitable earth—have yet never found a writer of powers equal to the task of arraying all their wonders, in so comprehensive and splendid an order of arrangement, as appears in the volume now under our notice. Mr. Montgomery Martin, a gentleman of very extensive travel as an officer in the Naval Service of his country, has come well prepared with materials for the task of describing the natural history, commercial importance, and political value of all our colonial dominions in the old and new worlds. We express our sincere desire that a work of such vast research, clear arrangement, and extensive commercial utility may meet with that extended patronage which alone can reward the labour and talent which abound in the Colonial History of the Empire.'—*Sunday Herald*.

'We wonder such a work has not appeared long before the year 1834—considering that the mother country possesses Colonies in every part of the globe, but it is a matter of congratulation that now it has been undertaken, the task has devolved upon a man fully competent to accomplish it. A more varied history (it is one demanding deep research, patient toil, unwearied industry, and vigorous intellect) could not be produced; Mr. Martin, having passed one-third of his life travelling in the Colonies, has spent his time industriously and well, he has indefatigably persevered in collecting important information, and has filled up a blank sheet in the pages of our history, the absence of which has long been felt; every class who live by commerce, agriculture, and manufactures will do well to study this important national work, where new sources for the employment of industry are pointed out in a clear, ample, and satisfactory manner, and a mass of facts collected which will interest every one.'—*Sunday Times*.

'The third volume of Mr. Martin's Colonial History, embracing the whole of our possessions in North America, is distinguished by the same breadth and rapidity of style,—the same diligence and discursiveness in research,—and the same manner of throwing out numerous facts in huge masses, which especially marked the preceding volumes. We do not know of any writer who is so laborious in the accumulation of details,—who is so familiar