

TO

KIRKMAN FINLAY ESQ. M. P.

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SIR,

IN committing to the world, the result of my observations and labours, relative to the stupendous events of the period to which I have confined the following NARRATIVE; I desire to express the deep sense I entertain, of the honour conferred upon me, by your permission to Dedicate it to you. I am fully sensible, that these labours as little merit your attention and regard, as my abilities are unequal to do justice to the highly important, and truly memorable occurrences which I have attempted to detail. Yet, in the midst of all the wants and defects, with which the succeeding pages abound, I still hope, that there will be found some parts, which the feelings of every Briton will lead him to contemplate with satisfaction; and, if, from the perusal of these, you shall derive either information or amusement, my labours have not been in vain.

As a debt of gratitude, which I owe to this flourishing City, whose prosperity I shall never behold but with pleasure, nor contemplate but with satisfaction, I cannot, and ought not to forget, that you held the honourable office of Chief Magistrate of the same, during that eventful and glorious period, when Europe in arms, hurled Gallic ambition from his blood-stained throne, and reared her renovated standard under her