

Had time permitted, and my means of information been greater, something might possibly have been produced less unworthy of the subject. Conscious, however, of having done the best I could in the circumstances, I throw myself on the candour of the Reader, to whose judgment I now submit these pages, and who will learn the Principle by which I have been guided in their composition from the Advertisement on the next page, which formed the original Introduction to the Essay.

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