

been one of his chief studies ; well aware, that no benefit can arise to the Reader from what he is unable to understand : yet, notwithstanding his solicitude in this respect, a few explanatory Notes were considered, if not absolutely necessary, at least not improper.

The Author is sensible that the Poem might have been rendered, what some men of learning term, more poetical, if less attention had been paid to veracity ; but, to lovers of truth, no apology is necessary on this head, and, to those of a contrary disposition, none is due.

Upon the whole, the Poet is not without hopes, that some small degree of satisfaction may result from the perusal of a poem that treats, in some measure, of a country so remarkable for its romantic scenery, and the vicissitudes of extreme heat and intense cold.