

PREFACE.

Among the multitude of Guides, Directories and Tourists in which our book-stores abound, there is scarcely any that presents that systematic arrangement and perspicuity which are so desirable to the traveller and tourist.—Whilst most of the works now extant are replete with important and interesting *facts*, they are, without exception, defective in point of arrangement, and in regard to the relative importance of the several objects brought into view. In the present work, an endeavor has been made so to digest its varied contents, as to enable the tourist to examine, *seriatim*, every object of interest along the route he may select, and thus to ascertain what is most deserving of his attention: for example, assuming the city of Albany as one of the radiating points, a brief account of the city and its interesting objects, modes of conveyance, &c. is given: then follow tables of distances from Albany to another point of departure—Utica, for instance—and then a concise description of each intermediate place of any importance, with directions to such cu-