

P R E F A C E .

A GREAT portion of the following work has been already ready before the Public, and to judge of the treatment it has met with, has not been much relish'd. To tell the truth, I don't much myself now, although I had pleasure in the hope accompanied the writing of it: As it is, I have presented it to the Citizens of Toronto, chiefly, as the last shift that a poor devil has to keep him from despair, and I only wish it was better for their sakes.

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