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When we make the assertion that we have reaped both instruction and amusement from the perusal of this entertaining publication, we pay but a small tribute to its merits compared to that which it is entitled to. Such a declaration in the outset of our remarks may appear to some as savouring of partiality, while others will consider this frank avowal, as inconsistent with that severe and stern aspect which criticism commonly puts on. Be it however remembered that our opinion is founded on a careful perusal of Count de Segur's work that we are impressed with the conviction that a similar opinion will be excited in others by their reading it; and from a due reflection on these facts we hazard nothing in making such an avowal but what the merits of the work will justify.

The press for several years back has teemed with narratives, histories, accounts, details &c. &c. of the military and political career of the late Emperor of France; to say nothing of the multitudes of authors who have written his life. But among all these, it would perhaps be difficult to find any one good history of any part of his proceedings, far less any authentic account of his life. The latter was chequered with prosperity and adversity beyond that of perhaps any other man, and in proportion to the high eminence to which he attained so was the extent of his fall when his Sun of glory had passed his meridian. But in addition to these great reverses which require a talent to depict faithfully which but few possess; the destinies of Bonaparte were so closely entwined with the political state of many other countries that to give a correct history of him, would require a labour and rease