

## PREFACE.

It is a common practice among authors, to beg an introduction of their works to the public, by making an humble apology for the crime of writing ; but I cannot conceive that I have done wrong in publishing this work, but rather lament that it has not appeared sooner, and better executed. However, it may not be amiss to inform the public that I was induced to this business about three years ago while in Canada, from a belief that a full and impartial account of the Province, would be acceptable and useful to my fellow-citizens, as of late years many have been in the habit of moving there. And I also knew that a correct geographical account of the Province of Upper Canada had never been published ; whatever had been, was brief and defective. I may add, that the mildness of the climate, fertility of the soil, benefit of trade, cheapness of the land, and morals of the inhabitants, so far exceeded my expectations and the apprehensions of the public in general ; I deemed it my duty to make known the same.

I will also observe, that I have wrote from experimental knowledge, and not merely from what has