

PREFACE.

THE following *Essays*, designed for common readers of a *News-paper*, were purposely written in a plain every-day style, with some regard to perspicuity, but very little attention to method or embellishment. The subjects were suggested by circumstances, and adapted to the state of the country and the times. A few repetitions will, it is presumed, be excused by those who consider that popular instruction, to be effectual, must be inculcated by "precept upon precept, and line upon line." The writer's object was to promote the improvement of the *Province*, particularly the *District* of his residence, by pointing the attention of his fellow subjects to matters of importance in rural economy and the philosophy of common life. For the same purpose, these occasional numbers are now collected, and republished, in the form of a pamphlet, of moderate price, the avails of which, if any, beyond defraying the expence of printing, are to be paid by the publisher to the *Agricultural Society* of the *District*, in aid of their funds.

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