

## ADVERTISEMENT.

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THE Author of the following pages has been prevented from paying that degree of attention to the details and arrangement of his subject, which its importance required. But he experienced much interruption in the progress of his work, and could only bestow upon it a divided attention. —He was called away from England to a remote part of the British dominions, for the purpose, not only of defending his own rights of property from threatened infringement, but also to give his personal support to a considerable body of individuals, who, in a great degree, looked up to him for protection, and against whom a train of premeditated and violent aggression has been committed by their fellow-subjects. He has, in consequence, been laboriously and anxiously occupied in obtaining evidence for the purpose of bringing the facts before a court of justice, and in endeavouring personally to effect such measures as might prevent the threatened repetition of the outrage. These circumstances, he is confident, will prove a sufficient excuse with every candid reader for the deficiencies in a Sketch that has been hastened by the wilful misrepresentation of others, but which will probably be followed by a work of a more comprehensive description. Incomplete, however, as the present one is, it will be found to contain matter well deserving of the early attention of the Public.

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