

NOTICE.

The following pages were begun with an intention, on the part of the writer, of merely addressing them as a communication to a newspaper; but he soon found the manuscript extending far beyond the limits of a letter. To make a series of letters, would have been to render frequent repetitions necessary, and yet materially to break in upon the connexion of his argument. Hence its appearance in its present form.

The writer follows the course usual in such cases, of preserving his incognito; but from no love of the anonymous. In what he has written, he has carefully abstained from that personality of attack which constitutes its abuse and makes it so often objectionable. For the purposes of an argument that is strictly political, and neither assails private character nor deals in other than notorious facts, there is no occasion for the writer's name to be made public. On the contrary, if he be a well known man, his name will be likely to prevent his argument from being read dispassionately; if not, it may go very far to prevent its being read at all.