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'Mr. Montgomery Martin has produced a history as creditable to himself, as it will undoubtedly prove advantageous to the commerce of the country and the prosperity of the people. That his labours may be crowned with success, must be the wish of all who seek the prosperity of their country. The History of the British Colonies is indeed well worthy the patronage of the monarch to whom it is dedicated. The work should be in the hands of every merchant and member of Parliament, of every philanthropist, whose heart vibrates for the welfare of 100,000,000 British subjects.'—*Sun*.

'It is highly honourable to his Majesty as the 'sovereign of the greatest colonial empire in the world,' that he should have accorded to Mr. Martin his gracious permission to inscribe to him the first history of that empire; and we cordially congratulate the author on this distinguishing mark of royal favour. The History of the British Colonies teems with information, the most diversified and valuable information in every page, written with a noble, generous, patriotic, proud, and lofty spirit.'—*Court Journal*.

'This splendid production of talent, as varied as it is replete with unwearied industry, treats of the British possessions comprising their history, commerce, finance, productions, monetary system, state of religion and of the press, with a mass of statistical, geographical, scientific, and other details. It is, in fact, a work of very high merit, and embodying a fund of information indispensable alike to the statesman, the legislator, the merchant, manufacturer, and trader in every class, as well as the general reader. We do not think that for many years past, a work of more utility and instruction has issued from the fertile press.'—*Guardian and Public Ledger*.

'Few would have had the assurance to undertake, and still fewer have been able to exhibit the diligence and talent necessary for the due execution of this arduous work, which amply merits the attention of the public, whether it be considered morally or politically.'—*Morning Advertiser*.

'The vast Colonial appendages to the Empire of Britain—wings spreading over all the divisions of the habitable earth—have yet never found a writer of powers equal to the task of arraying all their wonders, in so comprehensive and splendid an order of arrangement, as appears in the volume now under our notice. Mr. Montgomery Martin, a gentleman of very extensive travel as an officer in the Naval Service of his country, has come well prepared with materials for the task of describing the natural history, commercial importance, and political value of all our colonial dominions in the old and new worlds. We express our sincere desire that a work of such vast research, clear arrangement, and extensive commercial utility may meet with that extended patronage which alone can reward the labour and talent which abound in the Colonial History of the Empire.'—*Sunday Herald*.

We wonder such a work has not appeared long before the year 1834—considering that the mother country possesses Colonies in every part of the globe, but it is a matter of congratulation that now it has been undertaken, the task has devolved upon a man fully competent to accomplish it. A more varied history (it is one demanding deep research, patient toil, unwearied industry, and vigorous intellect) could not be produced; Mr. Martin, having passed one-third of his life travelling in the Colonies, has spent his time industriously and well, he has indefatigably persevered in collecting important information, and has filled up a blank sheet in the pages of our history, the absence of which has long been felt; every class who live by commerce, agriculture, and manufactures will do well to study this important national work, where new sources for the employment of industry are pointed out in a clear, ample, and satisfactory manner, and a mass of facts collected which will interest every one.'—*Sunday Times*.

'Mr. Martin's first volume will make a text book for after, as it is an ornament to the present time. In fact, it is a complete digest of all that is necessary to be known on a subject of such paramount interest. A standard work upon the vast interests that are so essential to the very existence of the empire, has long been wanting. The 'History of the British Colonies' bids fair to assume the vacant niche in the literature of the country.'—*Metropolitan Mag.* April, 1834.

'The talented author commences the second volume of his elaborate and important work with a spirited introduction that is at once clear, figurative and to the purpose;—nor are there wanting to it some bursts of genuine eloquence; he glories with an honest pride in the wide extent of English influence and the beneficence of her vast colonial dominion. Whilst we admire the talent we cannot fail to be struck with the stupendous labour to which Mr. Martin must have submitted his energies; his history will go down to posterity through many editions.'—*Metropolitan Magazine*, Sept. 1834.