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PREFACE.

THE AUTHOR of this work presents it to the public, not as the production of a traveller, or with any pretension to the detail, interesting or amusing, which usually makes up works descriptive of foreign countries.

He presents himself as a plain thinker on subjects of material interest connected with the country in which he has resided or been in relation with for, more or less, twenty-four years, and in which there are settled a very large number of British subjects and their families, towards which there is a continuous stream of emigrants from Europe, a large portion of whom—especially those possessing small or moderate capitals—entertain most erroneous ideas of the country, its industries, and the work that is before

them ; between which and Great Britain there are very important commercial relations, and in which there is a very large British capital invested.

His object in writing this work has been truthfully and intelligibly to describe the country, its resources, and climate, with a view to its industries—pointing out various channels for the advantageous employment of capital, fields for labour, and its remuneration, and to usher in the dawn of a more advanced and more sound system of working those industries, by explaining the principles which should regulate the practice of parties engaged, or about to engage, in them ; and he claims from the ‘ lettered ’ public that consideration which they may fairly accord to a writer, whose daily avocations are the practice of the industries of which he treats.

BUENOS AYRES, 1800.

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