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## TRANSLATOR'S PREFACE.

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I HAVE translated this little work in the hope that an English version of it will be acceptable to the English public.

Until lately indeed few might have cared to read it. The Crimea was, so to speak, an unknown land. But now the names of its towns and its rivers, its heights and its plains, have become familiar in our mouths as household words; and many will, I think, be interested by a description of the country as it appeared in 1761 to the envoy of Frederick the Great, and by an account of the Tartar sovereign, Krim-Girai.

I know that this translation has many defects, but I believe that it renders faithfully, though not literally, the meaning of the original.

W. G. C. ELIOT.

Berlin, Oct. 26, 1855.



## AUTHOR'S PREFACE.

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THE history of the Crimea, as depicted in the following historical narrative of the great Khan's life, shows in a remarkable manner how natural and unavoidable a struggle between that country and Russia appeared even in former times.

It had already occurred to Frederick the Great to form in the Crimea a centre of action against the power of Russia, and he had been encouraged in this line of conduct by the admiration expressed for him by Krim-Girai, the wonderful son of nature, who, irresistibly attracted by the charms of Western civilisation, sent an embassy to express his feelings to the Prussian monarch.

This event took place at one of the most critical periods of the Seven Years' War, and Frederick considered the turn which the