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FOR MANY OF THE CORPS,
AND BEST WISHES FOR THEM ALL,
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PREFACE.

MANY of the Author's friends thinking the state of the Colony of New South Wales, condition of the Convicts, &c., are somewhat at variance with received impressions here, and that an account of Manilla and Singapore would interest many persons besides those engaged in the eastern commercial speculations, have induced him to consent to the publication of the brief Notes he made during a Voyage and Residence at New South Wales, and also at Manilla and Singapore, in 1832 and 1833.

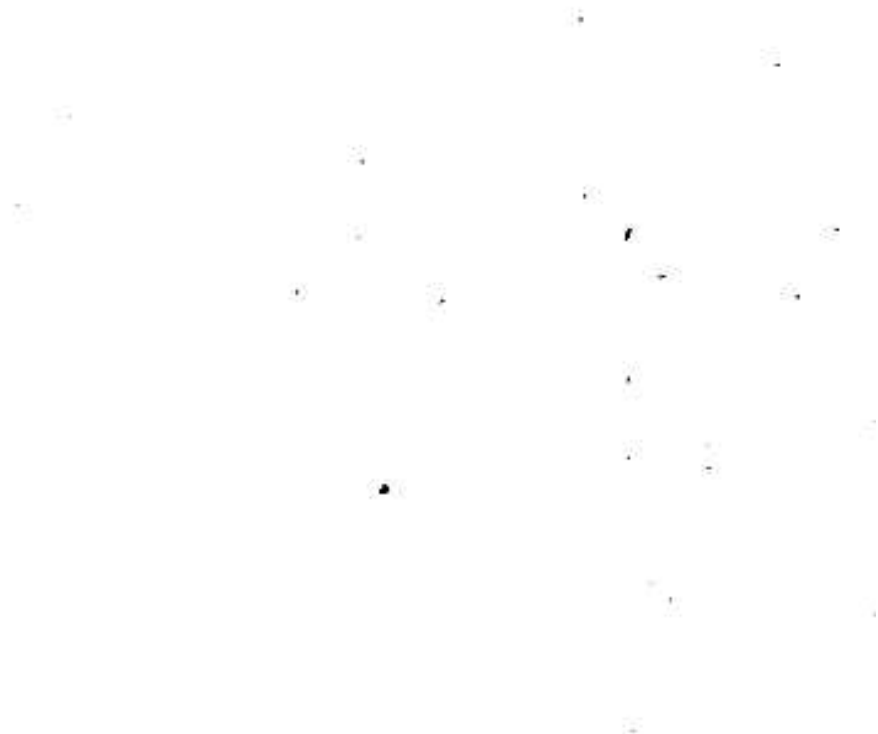


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CHAP. I.

We sailed from Portsmouth on the 15th of June, 1832, in the ship *Planter*, of 368 tons, with 200 convicts, for Sydney, New South Wales. On embarkation, the prisoners were surprised to find good biscuit, beef, pork, peas, flour, raisins, lemonade, wine, &c. issued to them, in lieu of the coarse brown bread and indifferent beef sometimes supplied by contractors for the hulks. We had favourable weather at the commencement of the voyage, and got sight of, and passed, on the 30th, Porto Santo, and Madeira, islands once so famous for the richness of their wines and the salubrity of their climate.

Their credit on the latter account has declined since the termination of the war, which opened the classic and delightful shores of Italy to the invalid; and the taste for the wines of Madeira which had been gradually sinking, perhaps received its death-blow from the fastidiousness of our late gracious monarch, George the Fourth.

These islands were discovered in 1418, by John Gonzales Zarco, and Tristram Vaz Terceira, Por-