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TO HIS EXCELLENCY  
LIEUTENANT-GENERAL NUGENT,  
LIEUT.-GOVERNOR OF THE ISLAND  
OF JAMAICA,  
COMMANDER IN CHIEF  
OF HIS MAJESTY'S FORCES  
IN THAT ISLAND, ETC.

AS A TESTIMONY OF FRIENDSHIP AND RESPECT

FOR HIS JUST, LIBERAL,  
AND TRULY DISINTERESTED CHARACTER,

THIS VOLUME

IS INSCRIBED BY

THE AUTHOR.

## PREFACE.

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THE first part of this Tour was composed in the island of Jamaica, from notes intended rather as familiar communications to a friend than for the deliberate purpose of a future publication. The author, who had been a very cursory observer, could hardly presume to add any thing to what has been written on subjects of such importance and extent as our valuable Sugar Islands in the West Indies; and a general history\* of great respectability has not long since been published, embracing every object of any importance respecting the island of Jamaica. On passing through the Bahamas, however, pleased by the agreeable climate they afford, the author was induced to make a short stay, and avail himself of the opportunity of visiting such of the islands

\* By Mr. Edwards.



as seemed more particularly to deserve attention. His observations were at first intended to have been addressed in a letter to the distinguished character to whom the work is now dedicated, and to whom it was known that topographical communications would be grateful ; but the novelty of the subject inviting a fuller examination than was first contemplated, has led to the little volume now offered to the public. As the topics to which the first chapters of the work relate are not altogether trite, they may afford some amusement to the general reader ; but the observations of a traveller can add little to the information of those who have made the same countries their residence or study. The principal study of the author has been accuracy of representation : yet he is deeply conscious how remote he may be found from the exactness of truth, whilst attempting on a first impression to delineate objects so replete with novelty and interest.

*Binfield,*  
*March 1804.*

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