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LORD PROPRIETOR OF THE ISLANDS OF SCILLY.

My dear Sir,

I dedicate to you this little Book, not only in gratitude for your kindness, but from admiration of the manner in which you have raised these beautiful Islands from a state of misery into one of prosperity and comfort; reforming wisely, but cautiously; developing their resources with a firm and practical hand; and acting in the true spirit of your motto,—

" Preignes haleine, tire fort."

Believe me,

Your's obliged, and very truly,

H. J. WHITFELD.

Tresco,

June 16, 1852.

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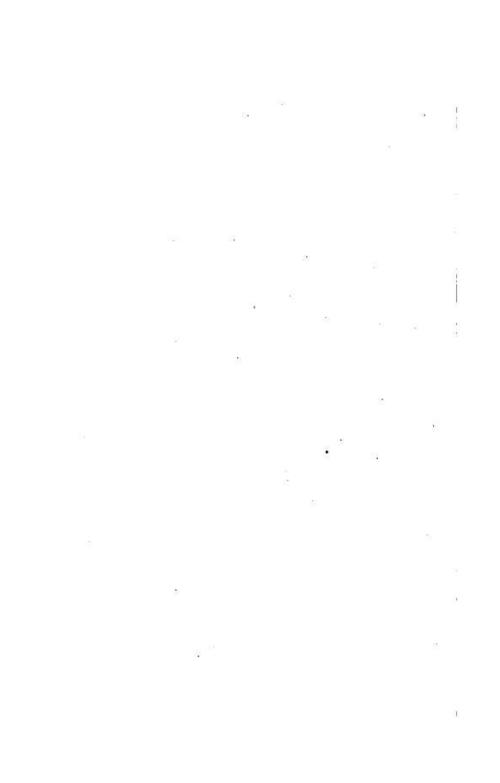
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HIS volume has no claim to be considered, nor does it profess to be, one of learning or of research. It is but a simple record of my first impressions among strange habits and places, in a part of the kingdom which is seldom visited by tourists. After a somewhat lengthened residence on the Continent, it was by mere chance that, in search of health, I wandered hither. My stay was like that of the well known traveller in the East, who accompanied a friend to Calais, and remained abroad eighteen years. I came for two or three weeks, and stayed three months. The beauty of the Islands, and the kindness I received at all hands, made those three months the happiest I ever spent in my life. I have, in this work, attempted some return-though a poor one-for the pleasure I enjoyed; relating only what came under my own observation; and wishing the good Scillonians no happier lot than a continuance of their present blessings, under the same wise and paternal rule.





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