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BY THEIR LATE COMPANION

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PREFACE.

IN writing a Military Geography of Europe, in the hope that it might be of service to the Military Profession, (that profession, in which I had the honour of serving seven years,) I have never lost sight of the fact, that a soldier's library must of necessity be very small, and that if I wished my volume to be of practical utility, I must condense matter as much as its nature would admit of; abandoning, therefore, the idea of working up my subject in that attractive style, so much adopted in the literature of the day, I have contented myself with endeavouring to present to the members of the profession what, I trust, they will find a useful work. What, however, I gain in one respect, I may lose in another; but necessity is a stern master, and I beg the indulgence of the profession to defects and deficiencies that are hardly to be avoided in a volume of 120 pages of condensed information; soliciting, at the same time, the favour of their communications respecting any improvements or corrections which their knowledge may suggest, and which shall be attended to in future editions.

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ERRATA.

Page 13, line 29, *for north of Beaucare read north of Beaucaire.*
— 22 — 22, *for Grammour read Grammont, and for Leurze
read Leuse.*

MILITARY GEOGRAPHY OF EUROPE.

FRANCE.

SURFACE, including Corsica, 10,138 square miles: surface more even than mountainous; and intersected merely by chains of hills. On the east and south, bounded by the Alps and Pyrenees. The coasts are generally low.

General Slopes. Westwards, shown by the course of the Garonne and Loire; southwards, by the Rhone; northwards, by the Seine.

Mountains.

Maritime Alps. They stretch from the Italian Var towards France, bound the river Argense, and form the water division between that river and the Nerdon. North of the Argense they are called the Estrelles; southward of these, the Mountains of the Maures. Their western slope, towards the Rhone, forms the Alps Proper.

Alps of Dauphiné, or Cottian Alps. The principal, or uppermost ridge fills the whole of Dauphiné and northern provinces with its branches, which stretch from the east bank of the Rhone. A principal branch runs easterly to the Durance, and then west of that river from north to