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## PREFACE.

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HAVING had, for some years, considerable experience in the management of the business of British Mines, and having devoted much attention to mining in this country, I have often been astonished at the mistaken opinions and the want of information, which prevail on the subject. There are a number of sound and legitimate mining undertakings in the United Kingdom; and it has appeared to me that an effort was

required to induce the public to take correct views of such investments. In the absence of any more competent person undertaking the task, I have succeeded, with some exertion, in finding sufficient time to make the attempt; and I hope my labours may tend to remove some at least of the prejudice that exists.

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THE object of these pages is a slight attempt to afford reliable information, in a form readily accessible, to those who may be inclined to invest in British Mining Property, and, at the same time, to lay before the public generally, a succinct statement of facts, which may assist in gaining more correct conclusions regarding such investments. There prevails, no doubt, much prejudice against Mines, and I am desirous of