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YEAR IN SPAIN.

BY

A YOUNG AMERICAN.

*By Alexander's
Shaw, author of "The
MacKenzie."*

Bien se lo que son tentaciones del demonio, y que una de las mayores es poderse a un hombre en el entendimiento que puede componer y imprimir un libro, con que gane tanta fama como dineros, y tantos dineros cuanto fama.

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ALEXANDER H. EVERETT, ESQ.,

LATE MINISTER PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES

TO SPAIN,

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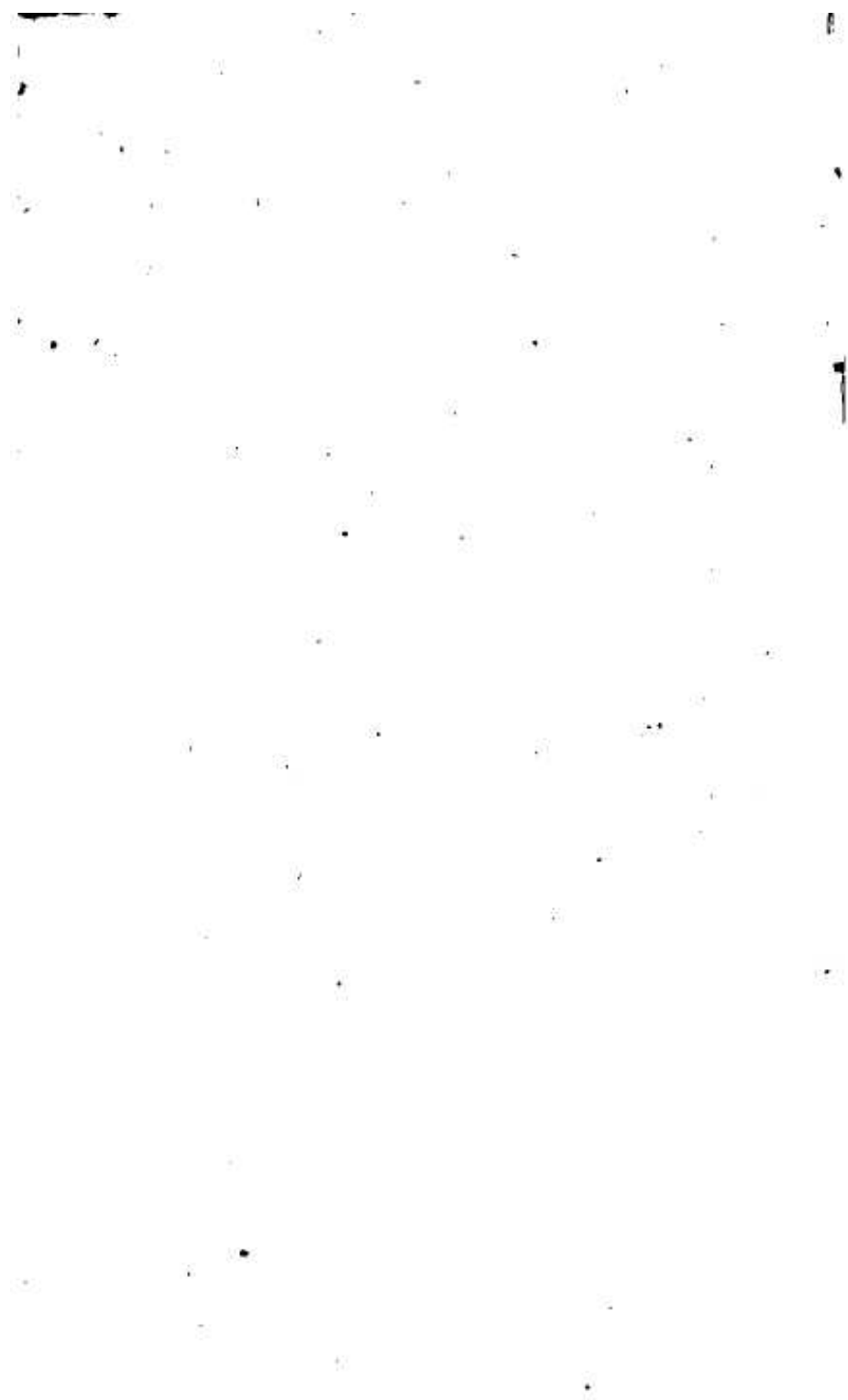


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TO THE THIRD EDITION.

THE present work contained originally a much greater quantity of matter than in the form of its previous publication. It was the intention of the writer to publish a complete account of his travels in Spain ; but, finding that his book grew in a manner truly alarming to an unpractized author, and fearing that to cut down and generalize would take from the narrative whatever merit it might possess, he preferred rather to strike out entirely a sufficient portion to reduce it to more moderate dimensions. This portion is now restored, comprising the whole of the third volume with the exception of the concluding chapter.

June, 1836.



PREFACE.

GIVING his Satanic Majesty due credit for the temptation mentioned in our motto, the present work originated in a desire to convey some notion of the manners and customs of the Spanish nation. The writer found much that was peculiar and interesting in them, and was thence led to think, that what had furnished so much pleasure in the immediate study, might not be wholly unattractive when contemplated through the secondary medium of description. Though this object should not be attained by the work now offered to the public, it may, perhaps, serve to attract attention to a country which, though inferior to none in interest, has been almost entirely neglected by tourists.

The author merely proposes to enable those who have not visited Spain, and have no expectation of doing so, to form an idea of the country and its inhabitants, without abandoning the comforts and security of the fireside. As for the traveller, he may find most of the local information he may require in Antillon's Geography, and Laborde's View of Spain. He will do well to journey with as little state as possible, and to keep to the popular conveyances; for he will be thus most likely to avoid unpleasant interruption, and have favourable opportunities for observing the manners of the people. Nor should he fail to follow the old adage of conforming to the customs of the land, among a people who, more than any other, are attached to their peculiar