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STOMACH COMPLAINTS

AND

DRUG DISEASES.

NAPOLEON AT ST HELENA,
IN THE SECOND YEAR OF CANCER OF THE STOMACH.



*"I never had for abstract fame much passion,
But would much rather have a sound digestion
Than Buonaparte's cancer. — could I dash on
Through fifty victories to shame or fame,
Without a stomach — what were a great name?"*

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BY

WATER,

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WITH

An Engraving of Napoleon in the Second Stage of Cancer of
the Stomach.

TO WHICH IS APPENDED

TWO LETTERS

TO DR. HASTINGS OF WORCESTER,

ON THE

RESULTS OF THE WATER-CURE AT MALVERN.

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"We are unwilling to believe that great effects may arise from simple causes, and so WATER
fell into disuse."—*MS. Notes of Professor Macartney's Surgical Lectures.*

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SUFFERING AND MUCH-ABUSED STOMACHS
OF
HER MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA'S
FAITHFUL SUBJECTS,
THESE PAGES ARE DEDICATED
BY THE AUTHOR.

P R E F A C E.

ALTHOUGH medical literature abounds with treatises on the diseased conditions of the stomach, it has always appeared to me that they lacked that comprehensiveness which can alone render clear to the laical reader the immense influence exercised by that organ in the production of a long list of ailments for which he can rarely account. It has been too commonly the practice to speak of, and to treat, each of such ailments as a distinct disease, and, in thus failing to attach it to the stomach, to make that organ the vehicle for remedies, the *ultimate* effect of which is to increase and strengthen the morbid cause resident in the digestive apparatus. A practical result of this kind was too serious not to warrant an attempt to place the important subject of stomach and bowel disease in its true light, and connect it with the thousand and one sensations in other parts of the body, of which it is at once the centre and the cause.