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Je raconte ce que j'ai vu—J'ai écrit jour par jour les
événements qui ont frappé mes yeux; et je cherche seulement
à communiquer les impressions que j'ai ressenties.

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PREFACE.

Why I have troubled the public with a *Journal of my Tour to Moscow*, is a question which I find no small difficulty in answering, even to the satisfaction of that most indulgent of judges—myself. I certainly cannot plead “request of friends” for until the first sheet was printed, I do not remember having had communication with three persons on the subject. I believe it was the perusal of Mr. Barrow’s delightful little book that first inspired me with a taste for travelling in the North of Europe; and the recollection of the pleasure which that book afforded me, has made me vain enough to

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hope, that the personal narrative of a less talented writer might not be entirely without interest to the public, especially as the scene is laid in a country, the manners and customs of which are every year becoming more a subject of enquiry among us.

In the spring of the present year a valued friend proposed to me to accompany his only son in a summer excursion, leaving the choice of our route entirely to myself. My health had been a good deal shaken by different causes in the beginning of the year; I was glad therefore to embrace an opportunity of recruiting my strength by an excursion, which promised so much of interest and excitement. How completely in this respect the proposed object has been attained, I acknowledge with feelings of the deepest gratitude to Him, "in whose hand are the issues of life and death."

With regard to the publication of my journal, I can only say that if the description of my wanderings should prove half as entertaining to the public, as the actual journey was to me, my most sanguine hopes will be fulfilled.

Torquay, November 17th, 1836.

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