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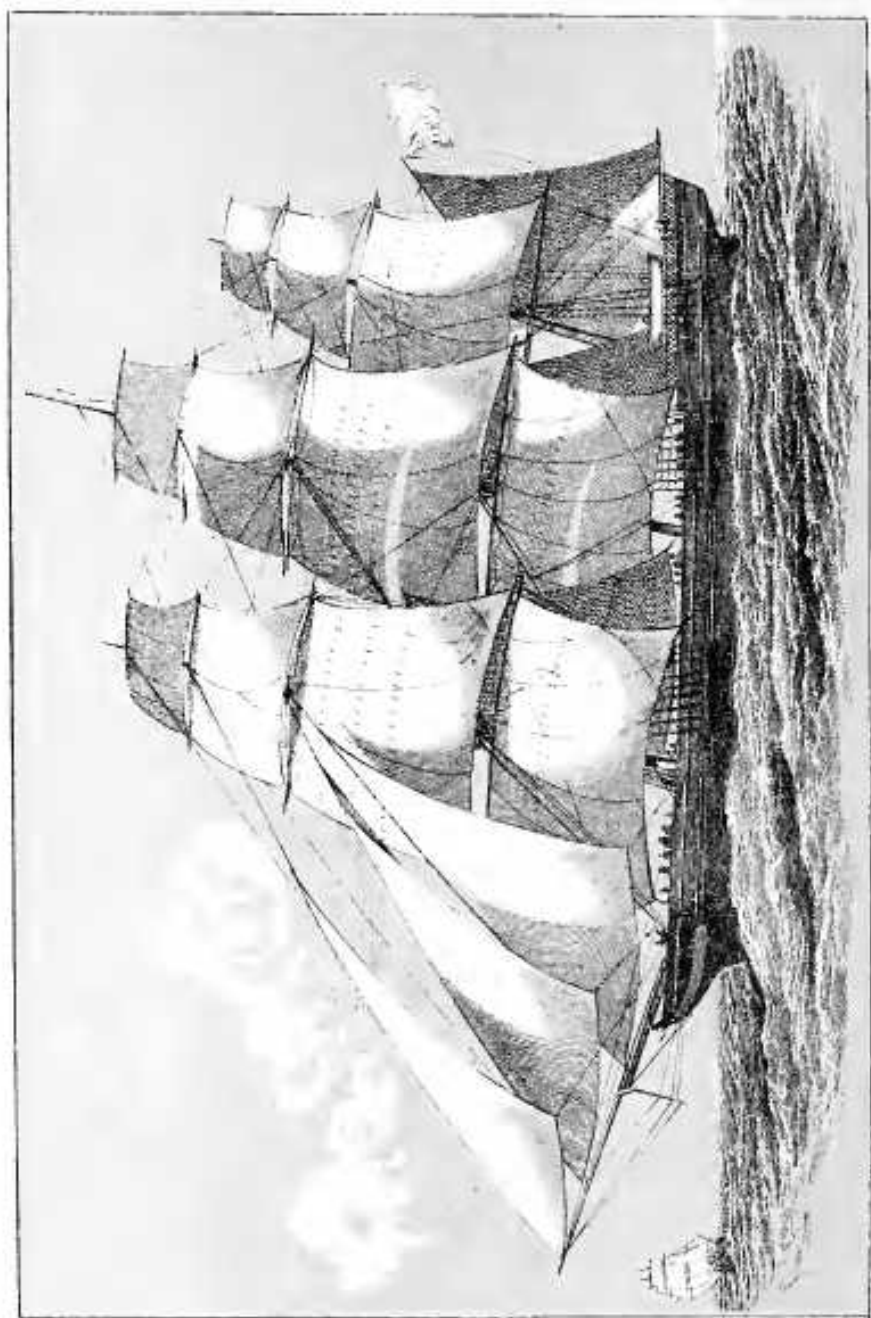
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TO
JOHN BRUCE, Esq. OF SUMBURGH,
SHETLAND.

SIR,

I feel highly honoured by your kindly permitting me to dedicate to you this little book. From your great liberality in promoting the welfare of your numerous tenantry, and the assistance you have given to every good and Christian enterprise connected with these Islands, your name is carried far and wide by men worthily commanding the finest ships on the sea, and by many others who on land thank their benefactor.

I am, SIR,

With great respect,

Your obliged humble servant,

SINCLAIR THOMSON DUNCAN.

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T H E N E W E D I T I O N .

DURING the last few years especially, the colony of Victoria in Australia has been in such a flourishing condition as to encourage considerable emigration to that part of the world; and being aware that the previous edition of my "Journal of a Voyage to and from Australia amongst Emigrants" has been useful as a hand-book to many of those crossing the seas, while at the same time it has been entertaining and instructive to others, I have issued the New Edition much enlarged, by adding more of the many strange and stirring scenes and sayings which attracted my attention, as I passed from stage to stage on my journey round the globe.

I have also added to my remarks on passing events, and given a few more hints to those intending to visit Australia, all with a hope that the information and advice embodied in the little volume will meet with the approval of the reading public.

S. T. DUNCAN.

INTRODUCTION.

WHEN a desire to emigrate seems to pervade the minds of so many of our population, and the Press having reported favourably of Sketches from the Journal, which were delivered from the platform in various towns, the author is inclined to believe that he is only doing his duty in bringing before the public a narrative of his voyage to and from Australia, including much of what he saw and heard in that far-off land.

After he had travelled commercially in this country for nearly twenty years, he resolved to visit Australia, a place he had for long entertained a strong desire to see.

He went out to Melbourne by the Cape of Good Hope, remaining in the colony of Victoria about six months; and with the intention to publish his journal, and having a desire to sail round the world, he returned to England by Cape Horn, taking notes of what he considered worthy of observation.

In making up his mind to undertake such a long journey, he was advised against it by several friends

and relatives, who imagined that the voyage was connected with too much danger; but he ultimately obtained his wife's consent, with the understanding that if all went well she and the children would either come out soon after his arrival, or that he was to return within a certain time; and his resolution to go was strengthened by a number of merchants and bankers in Edinburgh and Leith, where he had been in business for many years, presenting him with a testimonial of their good wishes,—a favour which will certainly have the effect of attaching him to that city and seaport as long as he lives.

Along with remarks made on passing events, and hints to intending emigrants, the latitude and longitude, and distance run at twelve o'clock noon, are given daily; so that he ventures to hope that the following pages will prove useful not only to those intending to leave our shores to travel through or settle in foreign lands, but instructive and amusing to nautical men and the general reader.