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TO
THE FRIENDS OF AFRICAN
COLONIZATION AND CIVILIZATION,
IN
THE UNITED STATES AND GREAT BRITAIN,
THIS WORK
IS MOST RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED,
BY
THE AUTHOR.

PREFACE.

ALTHOUGH in the statement here submitted to the public, I have not attempted to render due acknowledgments for great kindness and aid received from individuals, both in this country and Great Britain, yet I cannot permit the work to go forth without some expression of my sense of the liberality of the Managers of the New York Society, in their appropriation for the mission, and also of the generosity with which several philanthropic Americans contributed individually to sustain it.*

Nor can I ever forget my obligations to those in England and Scotland, who rendered the time spent in those countries, among the most delightful periods of my life. I have seen and felt enough (notwithstanding the general unpopularity of the cause I represented,) of the candour, integrity, courtesy, and hospitality of the English people, to make me deprecate, even beyond what it is possible to express, the growth of unfriendly sentiments between them and the citizens of the United States. It is the duty of all good men in both countries to cultivate mutual confidence as well as forbearance, and to become united in the covenant of perpetual peace. Let one thousand of our best citizens annually visit Great Britain, and an equal number of high minded Englishmen annually come to America, to hold social intercourse with our people, and the two nations will never rush together in conflict.

* See Appendix, page 364.

A distinguished American, Junius Smith, L. L. D., now residing in London, and to whose ability, energy and perseverance the nations are indebted for the triumphant application of steam to ship navigation, deserves (like the immortal Fulton,) to be honored by a statue in every civilized state and kingdom of the world; unless, indeed, (which Heaven forbid, and we will not believe,) the malignant passions of our nature are to become more furious by all that should allay them, and convert the occasions and means of charity and beneficence into agents and instruments of destruction. I should feel myself guilty alike of ingratitude and injustice, did I permit this opportunity to pass without alluding, briefly, to several gentlemen in England whose good counsels and cheerful and obliging attentions are indelibly impressed on my heart.

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