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TO
HER GRACE
THE DUCHESS OF SUTHERLAND
(COUNTESS OF CROMARTY).

THIS RECORD OF THE RECENT VISIT OF THE DUKE OF SUTHERLAND
TO AMERICA,

Is respectfully Dedicated

BY
WILLIAM HOWARD RUSSELL.

LONDON, Dec. 1881.



P R E F A C E.

On the 16th of April last, in pursuance of an arrangement to that effect which was entered into some months earlier with the Duke of Sutherland,* a small party of gentlemen and one lady left Liverpool in the Cunard Company's steamer "*Gallia*," with the object of making a tour in the United States. Previous to their departure, Mr. Henry Crosfield, the Auditor of the London and North-Western Railway Company, had been in communication with friends in America, and had in concert with them sketched out a general scheme to enable the visitors to traverse the Atlantic States, to extend their journey westwards and to obtain the best possible view of the country in the limited space of time

* The party consisted of the Duke of Sutherland, the Marquis of Stafford, M.P., Mr. Knowles, M.P., Directors L. & N. W. R., Mr. Bickersteth, Deputy Chairman L. & N. W. R., Mr. O. L. Stephen, Mr. G. Crosfield, Directors L. & N. W. R., Mr. H. Crosfield, Auditor L. & N. W. R., Mr. Neale, Superintendent L. & N. W. R., and Mr. Wright, the Duke's Private Secretary. Major-General Sir Henry and Lady Green, who were about to visit Canada, joined the party on the invitation of the Duke of Sutherland in London, and I embarked on board the "*Gallia*" at Queenstown, having left London the previous week to see some members of my family in the County Cork.

at their disposal. Although all were "on pleasure bent," those of the tourists who had interests in railways on this side of the world were naturally anxious to study the modes of management which were practised on the principal lines as closely as such a hurried journey would allow them; but the main object of the travellers was "to see the States"—to behold with their own eyes the natural features of the vast continent which is exercising a rapidly increasing influence on Great Britain and Europe itself, and to view the manners and customs of the great nation which even in its present enormous development gives only the indications of a lusty youth, promising a manhood of irresistible vigour and strength in time to come if the body politic fulfil its early hope. To be sure, the inspection could not be very close, minute, or protracted. Shooting flying is not an art given to all people, and the contemplation of man at a hotel or in a street, as one looks around in the dining-room or out of a railway train, does not afford satisfactory foundation for solid knowledge or comfortable conviction. But we had to do the best we could. There were for most of us the attractions in the journey which novelty possesses. There were pleasures in anticipation in the sight of the wonderful cities which man has made and of the grand natural spectacles which God has created, and these pleasures were, I may say now, enjoyed most fully. For my own part, having no railway interests except those I share with so many others in being carried safely, swiftly, and