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PREFACE.

THE reader of the following pages will observe, that while the Author has given merely a brief account of those places which are commonly known, and whose topography is perhaps set forth in numerous publications; he has, on the other hand, amply described such places as are not usually noticed by travellers, but which he, during a pedestrian excursion, had leisure to observe.

The author has occasionally availed himself of the information afforded by

other writers, where he has attempted to excite local interest, by the relation of those important events, whose occurrence history records; or, where he has solicited the reader's attention to places, rendered famous or interesting, by the mention made of them in writings of celebrity.

Topographical descriptions and historical reminiscences have led to observations and reflections, in which the author has occasionally indulged himself in a manner which, to some readers, may be tedious; but, while he would fain have expunged any thing not likely to give general satisfaction, he has trusted to the courteous reception of much matter, contained in his Journal, which would appear, with an ill grace, in a more elaborate work.

To some, the introduction of historical remarks and of moral or religious reflec-

tions, may appear redundant, in a Journal of an EXCURSIVE RAMBLE; but the Author intended and professed to describe, illustrate, and reflect: and, surely, that Englishman is an object of commiseration, whose feelings are not excited by a reminiscence of the Norman invasion, as he explores the vicinity of Pevensey; or, whose piety does not glow, with grateful ardour, as he traverses the shore of Hope Bay, and beholds the ruins of Richborough Castle, where the Christian mission, headed by the venerable Saint Augustine, landed, and was graciously received by the guileless Ethelbert.

The Author has aimed at entertaining the reader, by the nature of his composition rather than by its extent; and, while he indulges but a moderate expectation that his work will enlighten or instruct

any class of readers, he hopes it will afford amusement to the majority, and trusts that it will give offence to none. He now begs permission to acknowledge the liberality which his Subscribers have manifested; their names are honourable and respectable, and highly gratifying to the Author's feelings; and form a list which, while he cannot choose but be pleased in appending it, far outweighs the merit, if any, of the work.

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