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TO
ALEXANDER JAMES BERESFORD,
THIRD SON OF
THOMAS HOPE, ESQUIRE,

&c. &c. &c.

MY DEAR MASTER B.

I HAVE the greatest pleasure in presenting you, by the permission of your dear mamma, this little book, because I know you are fond of reading the Travels of Alfred Campbell, and may therefore be pleased with those of Henry Delamere.

I have lately heard from my friend, your tutor, that you are improving daily in every branch of your education, at which I re-

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joice exceedingly; not only because I love you, and wish you to grow up a learned and good man, but because I consider it particularly your duty to use extraordinary exertion, that you may prove yourself worthy of being the son of a father, whose splendid genius, extensive knowledge, and superior virtues, call upon his sons to follow his steps so far as they are able.

With sincere desire and heart-felt hope that your future years may realize the promise of your childhood, I remain, my sweet little friend,

Your affectionate

and faithful servant,

B. HOFLAND

June 12, 1827.

TO THE READER.

IN preparing a new edition of "the Young Cadet" for the present year, I have been induced to alter the original, in so far as to omit that account of the Burmese War which formed a great object of interest at the time it was written, but is now become less attractive.

I have done this for the sake of giving my young readers abridged accounts of various places and circumstances, detailed in that admirable new work, "Scenes and Characteristics of Hindostan," by Miss Emma Roberts.

Her delightful volumes combine all the charm of fiction with the value of truth; and she will, I trust, pardon me for transplanting a few flowers from her brilliant and extensive garden, for the welfare of the young, to whom I earnestly recommend the source from which I have drawn, in order to give them pleasure and information.

B. HOFLAND.

Kensington,
September 5, 1836.

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