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DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE ORDNANCE SURVEY,  
THIS BRIEF OUTLINE OF THE HISTORY,  
WORK, AND PRESENT POSITION OF  
THE NATIONAL SURVEY,  
IS INSCRIBED.





## PREFACE.

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My aim throughout these pages has been to convey to the general reader an intelligible idea of the National Survey, without overburdening them with technical details. In this sense the book is intended to be a short popular account of what might seem at first sight a dry scientific subject, suited only for experts.

The work of the Survey has hitherto been too little popularised, and if I have succeeded in making these outlines of it in any degree attractive to the public, my object will have been attained.

Some selected extracts from the contents of this volume have already appeared this year in the September number of 'Blackwood's Magazine.'

T. P. W.

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Page 66, line 7 from foot, for "41,614," read "41,641."