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PREFACE.

THE following pages were written for the purpose of occasionally relieving the tedium of a long sea voyage; but the great interest which at present exists in all matters relative to our Colonial possessions in the South Pacific, has induced me to publish a narrative which, I am aware, has little other recommendation than the accuracy of the facts stated.

In executing a task which is altogether foreign to my previous habits, I have studiously avoided the introduction of all personalities; I have ventured on no matter that can be individually offensive, and, at the same time, I have advanced no statement on which there exists a shadow of a doubt.

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CHAPTER I.

Situations—Seasons—Brickfelders—Diseases—Aborigines—Gins—
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and Cattle Stealing.

Few of our colonial possessions have of late years held out brighter prospects, to persons intending to emigrate than New South Wales, and notwithstanding its immense distance of nearly 16,000 miles, enterprising capitalists and labourers have preferred it to the nearer colonies of Canada and the Cape of Good Hope. The island of New Holland, in which New South Wales is situated, extends nearly 1800 miles from north to south, and upwards of 2000 miles from east to west. Its northernmost point is not much more than 500 miles from the equator; while the southernmost, which is in thirty-eight degrees south latitude, enjoys the climate of the temperate zone. The longitudinal points of the island are from 112 to 153 degrees of east longitude. It has been remarked by travellers that, although the southern point of New Holland corresponds in latitude with that of Lisbon in the northern hemisphere, the climate more generally resembles that of Bordeaux, and other