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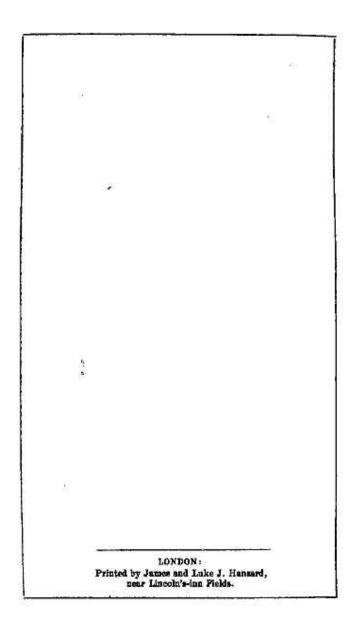
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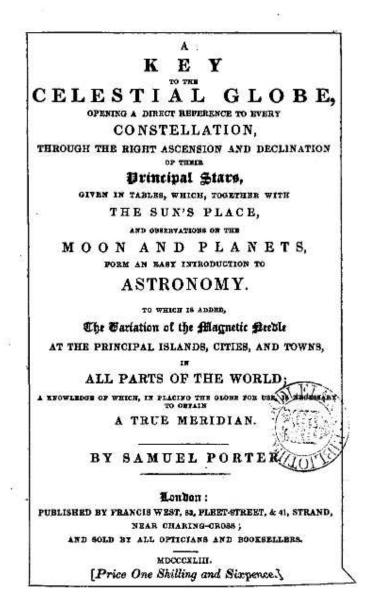
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PREFACE.

THIS Book will save a great deal of time and trouble to those who give instruction, and render the task pleasant to those who receive it: even Children may, in less time than they can put a dissected Map together, which they never saw before, learn to *amuse* and instruct each other; and they will be delighted to carry their observations from the Globe to the Heavens, when the Stars appear.

The Map soon becomes insipid, but the Celestial Globe affords never-ending entertainment, from Childbood to hoary Age. 8 S

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ASTRONOMY is the most sublime and useful of the sciences. It leads the mind to contemplate those orbs of borrowed and inherent light, which give such splendour to the Heavens, and so powerfully declare the GLORY OF THEIR MAKER: To view the Planets of our system, as worlds most closely connected with us, receiving light and animation from the same great source: More distant stare, as suns of other worlds, unseen, unnumbered, inbabited by myriads of living creatures: And from them to the ETERNAL, the ALMIGHTY GOD, who made, sustains, and with paternal care provides for all.

"One sun by day, by night ten thousand shine, And lead us deep into the Darry. O I how Road They call devotion, genuine growth of night! Devotion I daughter of astronomy: An undevous astronomer is mad.

Young.

It has been the subject of profound research to most enlightened men in all ages of the world. It may be considered as the parent of Geography and Navigation. By it, the situation and extent of countries are ascertained. The pathless sees are crossed with surprising accuracy, and correspondence is carried on between parts of the earth most distant from each other. The productions of different climates, so conducive to the health and comfort of mankind, are interchanged. Knowledge is disseminated, and the Gosper of PEACE proclaimed, where ignorance, idolatry, rapine and cruelty, before prevailed. And it is working as a mighty instrument under God, in bringing to fulfilment, at his appointed time, those animating prophecies:

"The knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth, as the waters cover the sea."

"And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together."

The surface of the Celestial Globe, is in great measure covered with figures of monstrous shape, which never bad