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TO HIS EXCELLENCY

SIR ANTHONY MUSGRAVE, K.C.M.G.,
GOVERNOR AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF IN AND OVER HER MAJESTY'S
PROVINCE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA AND THE
DEPENDENCIES THEREOF, &c. &c. &c.

SIR,—The following work on the History, Resources, and Productions of South Australia has been prepared at the request of your Government, and is published in the hope that, by giving useful and accurate information on the Colony, its advantages as a home for intending emigrants from the Mother Country may be more fully made known.

I gladly avail myself of your Excellency's kind permission to dedicate the work to you. The interest with which you have watched the progress of the Colony during the years you have represented Her Majesty in this Province gives me the hope that your Excellency will regard a work of this kind as useful and well-timed in the present prosperous period of the Colony's History.

I have the honour to remain,

Sir,

Your Excellency's most humble and obedient servant,

WILLIAM HARCUS.

HACKNEY, *January* 1876.

PREFACE.

THIS volume on the History and Resources of the Colony of South Australia has been prepared at the request and is published by the authority of the Government.

The Commissioners appointed to collect specimens of our products and industries for the Philadelphia Centenary Exhibition suggested to the Government the advisableness of having a Handbook prepared to accompany them, indicating the subjects to be treated and the gentlemen who might be entrusted with their treatment. The Commissioners did me the honour to suggest that I should write that portion which refers to the General History, Government, and Laws of the Province. They mentioned Mr. Josiah Boothby, Under Secretary and Government Statist, for the Statistical portion; Dr. Schomburgk, the Director of the Botanic Gardens, for the Flora; Mr. F. G. Waterhouse, Curator of the Museum, for the Fauna and Mineralogy; and Mr. C. Todd, C.M.G., the Postmaster-General and Superintendent of Telegraphs, for the portion referring to the Meteorology and the Observatory.

The Government acceded to the request of the Commissioners, and they asked me to take the Editorship of the work, which I at once consented to do.

In the portion for which I am personally responsible I have aimed at historical accuracy, while giving a popular account of the progress and resources of the Province. How well my coadjutors have done their portion of the work will be seen by those who read the several sections.

In the chapter on the Northern Territory, I have incorporated some useful papers written by residents there, and pre-