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WILLIAM THE FOURTH,
KING OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND,
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THESE VOLUMES,
THE RESULT OF MANY DELIGHTFUL WANDERINGS
AMID THE VARIED SCENES OF THE EAST,
DURING A PROTRACTED ABSENCE OF SOME YEARS
FROM HIS NATIVE LAND,
ARE,
BY THE AUTHOR,
GRATEFUL FOR THE ROYAL SANCTION UNDER WHICH
THEY APPEAR, AND HAPPY IN HIS SAFE RETURN
TO THE PROTECTION OF
A JUST AND CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT,
DEDICATED
WITH THE HIGHEST SENTIMENTS OF
RESPECT AND VENERATION.

P R E F A C E.

IN publishing the following pages from a journal compiled at the times when the events occurred which are here recorded, the Author is desirous of impressing on the minds of his readers that they were in the first instance intended only for the perusal of his friends. A belief, however, that a succinct narrative of the scenes he witnessed during a period of several years passed in the Mediterranean, and in the very interesting countries the shores of which form its eastern extremity, might contain both novelty and amusement, has induced him to present his rambles to the public. Deeming a preface filled with apologies ridiculous and absurd, he humbly conceives the best way is to state facts, and let others draw conclusions: recollecting the remark of a liberal and enlightèned editor, who said, "that every traveller ought to publish, as thereby something might be gathered which others had omitted." The