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THE BANKS OF THE RHINE, MAYNE, &c.
AND
THAT PART OF THE PALATINATE, RHINGAW, &c.
USUALLY TERMED
THE GARDEN OF GERMANY.

TO WHICH IS ADDED,
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FAMILIAR PHRASES, &c. in GERMAN and ENGLISH,
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TO
HIS EXCELLENCY
THE EARL OF MOIRA.

MY LORD,

IT was your perfect knowledge of the language, and your thorough acquaintance with the constitution and military discipline of my native country, that first induced me to solicit your patronage to this work; and thus,

my Lord, I take an opportunity of publickly avowing the pride I feel on being deemed worthy the protection of so accomplished a Gentleman and Soldier, as the world knows your Lordship to be.

On perusing these sheets, my Lord, you will, no doubt, be pleased at having revived in your memory, by the description of those parts over which you have travelled, and where you have dwelt, some events of your past days. If so, my Lord, of such sensations I shall rejoice in being the author, and shall bear, with
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somewhat less anxiety, the obligation you have conferred upon me.

I trust that my work will prove an agreeable and useful companion to such military characters as may hereafter make a tour through Germany, and that even to those who have no such intention it will be found instructive and amusing; as the revolutions of States, the relation of political events which have caused them, and the description of countries, must ever interest the Soldier, the Politician, and the Philosopher.

With the hopes, therefore, my Lord, that my humble efforts may not prove unworthy of your patronage, I beg leave to subscribe myself,

Your LORDSHIP's

Most grateful

And devoted Servant,

W. RENDER.

P R E F A C E.

BEING a native of Germany, and having traversed the whole Empire, I may naturally be deemed more competent than Strangers to describe with exactness those principalities which are the substance of my Travels, having spent a year or two in each of them. Foreigners generally are too apt to hurry over a large tract of country without dwelling upon its beauties, or contemplating its singularities, satisfying their curiosity

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with common information ; and neglecting every interesting object This frequently arises from an ignorance of the native's language, which disqualifies them from making such inquiries as might stamp an authenticity on their investigations.

Having spent eight years among the described countries, part of which time I was private tutor and travelling guardian to the son of a distinguished personage, I became afterwards the travelling companion of several English gentlemen with whom I arrived in this country. From these circumstances, my readers may reasonably anticipate, that

that my observations during my travels will not be deficient either in curiosity or interest.

In these I have deviated very much from the generality of travellers, who content themselves with describing, and that very superficially, the manners and customs of a people; whereas I have entered into more minute investigation, and not only observed, but studied with the greatest attention the different characters, &c. of my countrymen.

To render this work still more useful to the English nation, I have annexed, a *Concise View of the Present State of the whole German Empire*, comprising the
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Population, Revenues, Military Forces, &c. &c. also in the way of an Appendix, a *German Travelling Companion*, with an English translation. This so desirable an addition has never, to my knowledge, been given by any of my predecessors, though the convenience and advantage of it are so evident. I have done all in my power both to afford the reader satisfaction, and the traveller assistance, in every particular necessary to be known on his arrival upon the continent.

The critical peruser will, I fear, discover many inaccuracies in my diction: but, in consideration of my being a foreigner,
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I shall trust to his candor. I have so often noticed the liberality of the English towards strangers, that I am fully persuaded, although this work may not meet the public eye with that correctness and elegance of language which embellishes the works of several who have preceded me in this branch of literature, I need be little apprehensive, having advanced nothing but what I myself witnessed, or collected from the most respectable authority. Its accuracy, therefore, will, I flatter myself, render it interesting to those who are desirous of becoming acquainted with the manners and natural resources

resources of my country ; and tend to its being received with that indulgence by the public and those who intend to make Germany an object of their enquiries, with the candour and liberality which so eminently characterize the British nation.

THE AUTHOR.

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