

The Third Edition of this work was re-published in America, in 1829, by Professor Silliman of Yale College, Connecticut, the distinguished Editor of the *American Journal of Science*. It was commenced without any previous communication or acquaintance with the author. The reasons for the re-publication were stated in the Professor's preface, an extract from which is subjoined. The author will be satisfied if the present work should be thought deserving of the commendation given by the American editor, of being "a comprehensive Treatise on Geology, which the student will be willing to read, and able to understand."

Hampstead, near London,
April 18, 1833.

*Part of Professor Silliman's Preface of the American re-print of
the Third Edition.*

The Editor believes that he is performing a service to his country, by encouraging the re-publication of a work conspicuous for attractiveness,—for perspicuity,—for a style generally vigorous and correct,—often eloquent and beautiful; and for an independence of spirit, which carries the Author straight forward to his object, certainly without any servile regard to previous systems. While bestowing this merited commendation, we do not mean to say that we fully adopt all the Author's theoretical views, although most of them appear to be philosophical and just, and some of them are peculiarly happy.

Speaking in the character of a public instructor of youth, I beg leave to add, that my immediate motive for recommending the re-publication was, that I might place in the hands of my own classes, a comprehensive treatise on geology, which they would be willing to read and able to understand.

CAUTION.—In 1829, a book was published in duodecimo, entitled "An Introduction to the study of Mineralogy, by J. R. Bakewell." Several friends of the Author of the present volume have informed him, that they were induced, by the name, to purchase the book; he therefore thinks it necessary to state, that he has no connection with the writer of that book, and he has reason to believe that the name was assumed to mislead the public.