

P R E F A C E.

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The former publication, consisting of two thousand copies, having been disposed of in the course of a few months, a new edition is required, and I have therefore carefully revised

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