

logical map of England and Wales. This map, from the great variety of its useful details, and its general correctness, may be regarded as the best approximation to a complete exhibition of the geology of an extensive country, that has yet appeared. It was thought, however, that the publication of my Map in its original form, (or nearly so,) would be acceptable to those who wished to gain a general knowledge of the geology of their own country, without entering into geological details; and that it would also serve as a useful introduction to the study of the above mentioned maps.

In the course of the present work, I have frequently attempted to elucidate the geology of England, by comparisons with situations I have examined on the Continent, in order to connect the geology of our own island, with that of France, Switzerland, and Savoy.

By comprising the numerous facts and observations contained in the present volume, within the limits of an elementary work, from the desire to be concise, I may have run the risk of becoming obscure: this I have studiously endeavored to avoid; my chief aim being to present the reader with a system of Geology, which shall describe and explain geological phenomena in a clear and intelligible manner, and as free from technical obscurity as the nature of the subject would admit. In order that the price may not exceed that of the last Edition, this work is printed in a smaller type. For any errors into which I may have inadvertently fallen, I would claim the candid indulgence of the reader, in the last words of that distinguished geologist, Horace Benedict de Saussure, "*On peut être utile, sans atteindre à la perfection.*"