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TO

JOSEPH BANKS, Esq;

Dear Sir,

I think myself so much indebted to you, for making me the vehicle for conveying to the public the rich discovery of your last voyage, that I cannot dispense with this address the usual tribute on such occasions. You took from me all temptation of envying your superior good fortune, by the liberal declaration you made that the Hebrides were my ground, and yourself, as you pleasantly expressed it, but an interloper. May I meet with such, in all my adventures!

Without lessening your merit, let me say that no one has less reason to be sparing of his stores of knowledge. Few possess so large a share: you enjoy it without ostentation; and with a facility of communication, the result of natural endowments joined with an immensity of observation, collected in parts of the world, before, either of doubtful existence, or totally unknown. You have enriched yourself with the treasures of the globe, by a circumnavigation, founded on the most liberal and scientific principles.

The
DEDICATION.

The xvith century received luftre from the numbers of generous volunteers of rank and fortune, who, distinguihing themselves by the contempt of riches, ease, and luxury, made the most hazardous voyages, like yourself, animated by the love of true glory.

In reward, the name of Banks will ever exist with those of Clifford, Raleigh and Willughby, on the rolls of fame, celebrated instances of great and enterprizing spirits: and the arétic Solander must remain a fine proof that no climate can prevent the seeds of knowlege from vegetating in the breast of innate abil-ity.

You have had justly a full triumph decreed to you by your country. May your laurels for ever remain unblighted! and if she has deigned to twine for me a civic wreath, return to me the fame good wish.

I am, with every due acknowlegement,

Dear Sir,

Your obliged, and
most obedient humble Servant,

Thomas Pennant.
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THIS journey was undertaken in the summer of 1772, in order to render more complete, my preceding tour; and to allay that species of refleetion that infects many minds, on leaving any attempt unfinished. Conscious of my deficiency in several respects, I prevailed on two gentlemen to favor me with their company, and to supply by their knowledge what I found wanting in my self.

To the Rev. Mr. John Lightfoot, lecturer of Oxbridge, I am obliged for all the botanical remarks scattered over the following pages. But it gives me great pleasure to say that he means to extend his favors, by soon giving to the public a Flora Scotica, an ample enumeration and history of the plants observed by him in the several places we visited. To Mr. Lightfoot, I must join in my acknowledgements, the Rev. Mr. John Stuart of Killin, for a variety of hints, relating to customs of the natives of the highlands, and of the isles, which by reason of my ignorance of the Erse or Gaelic language, must have escaped my notice. To both I was indebted for all the comforts that arise from the society of agreeable and worthy companions.

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John Goldie, Esq; of Dumfries, supplied me with numbers of observations on that town and county.

The Rev. Mr. Duncan Macfarlane of Drummond, with an account of his parish.

Mr. John Colborn, engineer, with an account of Glasgow, and various miscellaneous remarks.

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Alexander Campbell, Esq; of Balliol, and Charles Freebain, Esq; communicated several observations relating to the isle of Hoy.

Joseph Banks, Esq; communicated to me his description of Staffa; and permitted my artist to copy as many of the beautiful drawings in his collection, as would be of use in the present work.

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The Rev. Mr. Donald Macleod of Glenelg, the fame, respecting his.

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The several subjects referred to in the course of the work, are reserved for an appendix the second volume, which will be published with all reasonable speed. It will comprehend the travels through part of Argyllshire, Breadalbane, Ayr; the remaining part of Perthshire; the counties of Angus and Mearns; Fife; Stirling, and Linlithgow, Edinburgh; and from thence by Kelfy, into Northumberland, Durham and Cleveland in Yorkshire, till the conclusion at my own house. With this will be given a corrected map of North-Britain and its islands.

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Page  ray's, read rays.
12 neighbourhood, neighborhood.
13 give, give.
19 cattle, castle.
21 probable, probable.
32 favoured, favored.
33 sliimer, slimmer.
48 small, smooth.
50 were, was.
58 of, and.
62 to.
70 yeats, years.
71 equitata, equitata.
71 exercitatoria, exercitatoria.
71 O.Ella, Olla.
71 Dee.
74 Taflos, emis, they learned.
77 fifth plate, idol of the sun.
95 a little, and.
110 J. S. Stuart,
142 were.
146 sreps, ara.
146 environs, environs.
168 Bertbooch, Brodie.
193 Epedi, Epoli.
198 this, his.
218 amethystyne, amethystine.
230 brecciated, brecciated.
232 horizontally, horizontally.
240 obicularia, obicularia.
240 Lannallata, Iannalita.
258 martialis, Saluyf.
ADDITIONS.

In tab. I. is engraved, a species of fibula, cut out of a flat piece of silver, of a form better to be expressed by the figure than words. Its breadth is, from one exterior side to the other, four inches. This was discovered lodged in the mud, on deepening a fish-pond in Brayton Park in Cumberland, the seat of Sir Wilfrid Lawson, and communicated to me by Doctor Brownrigg. With it was found a large silver hook of two ounces weight. The length of the shank from the top to the curvature at bottom, four inches and three eights. The hook not so long.

The Mac-Kinnons possess a small part of Skie. Are a very ancient people, and call themselves Clan Alpin, or the descendants of Alpin, a Scotch monarch in the 9th century.

In Skie, when a tacksman has a greater farm than he can manage, he often lets off part to a Bowman or Arreacht, who takes care of the flock of cattle on a certain tract; and binds himself to give to the tacksman every year four fowl of cheefe, and two of butter, from each couple of milk cows. If there is any arable ground, he is provided with horses and a plough, and feed sufficient to fow it; and receives part of the crop; and some additional grains ground for two or three milk cows, for his trouble.