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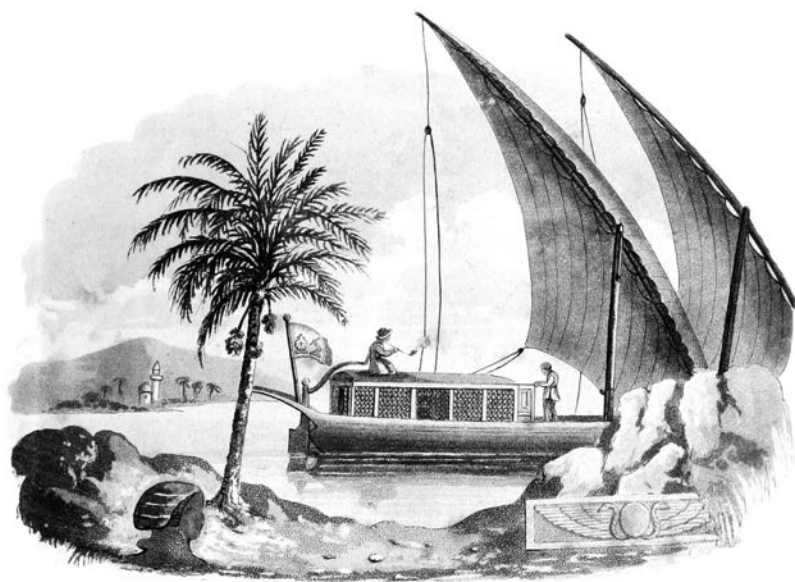
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## P R E F A C E.



“O THAT mine adversary had written a book,” is an exclamation which betrays no little degree of malice, and no slight knowledge of Reviewers. I have been persuaded to make a book ;—but I have made it as short as possible, and to this accidents have contributed. Part of the following was written to a friend, to whom, *verbum sat*:—the amusements of drawing and shooting prevented me the trouble of making long notes:—what I did write has but lately arrived in England: and part of my papers have been lost.—With respect to the scene of my travels, I did not advance beyond the neighbourhood of the second cataracts, and I made but a

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