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#### PREFACE.

On my visit to Asia Minor in 1838, of which I gave an account in my former Journal, I found that the district of ancient Lycia was so rich in all that is most interesting to the traveller, that, my time then allowing of only a short excursion into it, I could not but feel a strong desire to return at a future day, and explore it more carefully.

This desire was increased, when, on reaching England, I learned how completely unknown this country is to modern travellers, and how much importance the learned attached to many of my discoveries.

On my second visit therefore to Asia Minor, in 1840 (the account of which is given in the Journal now published), I determined to turn my steps at once to Lycia; and I have, as will be seen from the line of my route on the map, traversed it in several directions. The new



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discoveries which I have made on this excursion, have richly rewarded me; and I am led to believe that the materials for the historian, the philologist, and the lover of art, which I have rescued from the ruins I visited, will be found of no inconsiderable value. The geographer will see that I have mapped the interior of the country, which hitherto has been unknown, and left blank in the maps: for the coast I am indebted to the admirable Survey of Captain Beaufort.

In this small province I have discovered the remains of eleven cities not denoted in any map, and of which I believe it was not known that any traces existed. These eleven, with Xanthus and Tlos described in my former Journal, and the eleven other cities along the coast visited by former travellers, make together twenty-four of the thirty-six cities mentioned by Pliny as having left remains still seen in his age. I also observed, and have noticed in my Journal, many other piles of ruins not included in the above numbers.

Many of the coins which I have found, and of which I give copies in the following pages, were before unknown to the numismatist, and others will enable him to assign place and date to coins in various museums, which have before been unexplained or erroneously attributed.

Of the beautiful sculptures and coloured bas-reliefs



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found among the ruins, I have brought away numerous drawings, with which my Journal is illustrated.

Some of the inscriptions, of which I took copies on this tour, are of great value, as supplying a key to the hitherto unknown Lycian language, and others are important as bearing upon, and in some instances elucidating very curiously, questions of remote history.

To Mr. Hermann Wiener I have great pleasure in expressing my acknowledgments for his translations of the numerous Greek inscriptions which I copied; as I have to my friend Mr. Daniel Sharpe, for his paper on the Lycian inscriptions. I have also to thank Professor Don for kindly furnishing me with the names and classes of the plants which I collected, many of which he describes as of species hitherto unknown.

C. F.

London, April, 1841.





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