

PREFACE.

IN undertaking a journey, it is considered a prudent preliminary to be provided with letters of recommendation to the good people of the countries we propose visiting, it not being the fate of every man to possess the talent of recommending himself. But as such letters of introduction do not extend to the forming an acquaintance with the public, I am not the less desirous of enabling them, in some degree, to judge, how far *we* are likely to jog on smoothly together, as fellow travellers. I wish, therefore, to state, that being emancipated in the summer vacation of 1812, from the monotonous discipline of a college life, and having bid adieu to "Alma Mater," the option