

was offered me, either of making the immediate choice of my future destination, or of taking time to consider of it, after a tour of a year or two on the peninsula. I prudently chose the latter. In submitting the result of this determination to the public, I must beg leave to premise that they will be disappointed in expecting a solution of every subject of minute enquiry; for example, any thing like "A Book of Roads," to determine, if in a rainy day we had travelled twenty-five or thirty miles; or that I should point out a fine spot for a military position, offensive or defensive; the former is much beyond my *ambition*, and were not the latter still less within the scope of my abilities, we now so happily live "in piping times of peace," that I should be easily pardoned the omission. I am also too little of an antiquary to settle the dispute,