

PREFACE.

THE utility of such a work as the present, and the rapidity which marked the sale of the former impressions, have induced the Proprietor to spare neither labour nor expense in preparing the present improved Edition.

Incredible pains have been taken to make this a complete Picture of London, as it *is*, not as it *was* some twenty or thirty years back.

To point out particular portions of the work that have a claim to public support, would be to describe the contents of many of the chapters. The glaring blunders that signalize some similar works, and the errors that were handed down from publication to publication, proved the necessity of carefully consulting AUTHENTIC DOCUMENTS. Besides the additions to the History of London, and