

he could render some service to his countrymen, to whom this extraordinary rock ought to be of the highest interest : and he will be recompensed, if, in this small manual, the stranger on his visit to Gibraltar, finds either amusement or acceptable information.

Gibraltar has been for nearly 140 years in our quiet possession, with the exception of the memorable siege, begun in 1780, when it so nobly held out, under great privations, against the combined forces of France and Spain. The period of another attack is too far distant to be thought of; and the 'old rock' will probably be the last foreign possession yielded by Great Britain.