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THE following letters were written merely as a private tribute of friendship, and without the least view of their passing from the hands of the gentleman to whom they are addressed, into any other but those of the Author's most intimate connections. To the latter they were accordingly communicated; and it was solely in compliance with their unanimous, though perhaps too partial, opinion, that he consented to commit them to the press. For that purpose a revision of them became necessary; in the course of which he availed himself of every means in his power, to render them less unworthy of public inspection: and he feels a just pride in acknowledging, that he has received much additional information from several of his literary acquaintance in Swisserland, that by Captain Floyd's obliging communication of the very accurate journal he kept during their joint tour, he has been enabled to insert several material circumstances which had either slipped his memory, or escaped his observation; and that it is owing to the judicious animadversions of some other of his ingenious friends, that these sheets do not appear with all their original imperfections.