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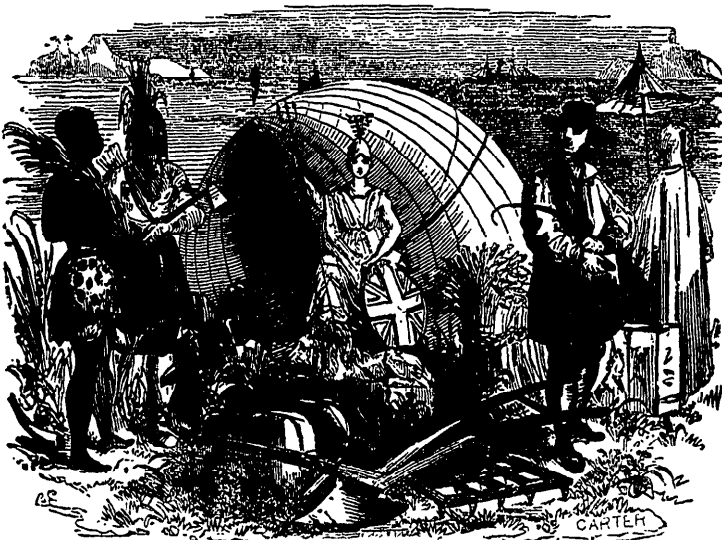
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## P R E F A C E .

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**In bringing to** a close the first volume of this our **COLONIAL MAGAZINE**, it behoves us to say a few words of ourselves ; and although this is usually an ungracious task, in the present **instance**, at least, the 'duty is a pleasing one, since our course has been that of unexampled success and singular prosperity. **Few** periodicals devoted to Colonial subjects have answered so **well** or attained to such importance within so brief a period.

Our early **labours** are now before the **public**, with **whom** it remains to decide of the manner in which we have performed **the** onerous task of discussing **Colonial** policy and **@eating** of commercial **affairs**. If **we** may be permitted, **however**, to **judge** from **the** public and **private** support that has been extended to **us**, and the large and **unparalleled** circulation to which in **so** brief a **period** this journal has attained, we may augur **favourably** of **the** verdict of the public.

**We** do **not** assume **for** a moment that the **COLONIAL MAGAZINE** is 'yet all that could be **wished**, or that **it** is free from imperfections and defects both in the selection -and **arrangement** of materials) but we **trust** by **untiring** zeal, unceasing-energy, and **persevering** assiduity, to make it eventually **worthy** of **that** high and **extended** patronage which **has** already been **so** **freely** bestowed on it at home and abroad. Our aim has been; **and will be, to make this** journal equally a **useful organ**, and -a **credit** and **honour** to that-vast and **powerful Empire**; whose **wide-spread Colonies** and **vast Possessions** it **essays** to **represent**. **Time** is **required** to perfect and- **carry out fully** and -completely our **designs**; but we **trust** the outline **which the present volume affords** will be t&ken as an earnest of **what we** hope to effect **when our** plans and arrangements are matured.

An enunciation of our **views** and principles is scarcely required here. While we shall ever stand **forward fearlessly** in defence

of the interests of our multitudinous possessions **beyond** the seas, we range ourselves exclusively under no political banner—we **appeal** to no party interests, but shall strive to discuss with fairness and impartiality—without fear, favour, or affection—those topics and measures which may from time to time arise **calculated** to affect the special interests of a particular Colony, or **detrimental** to the general welfare of our **Colonial** Empire.

Our earnest desire is to do justice to each and all of our **Colonies**; and if we have not yet dilated upon some of our **Transatlantic** possessions, it is not to be inferred that they have either been neglected or overlooked. We shall take up, as **occasion** serves, new themes of discussion, and describe various fields of observation, allotting to each a proportionate measure of **our** space.

We believe it to be unnecessary to speak in detail of the opportunities and resources at our command for carrying out **these** views; but we may state briefly that the **FOREIGN AND COLONIAL NEWSPAPER AND INTELLIGENCE OFFICE** has been **long known** in the Metropolis as the centre and **emporium** of all **information** relating to the Colonies. We can assert unhesitatingly, **and** without fear of contradiction, that in no other **Establishment** in the world is there to be found so vast an assemblage of **newspapers** and periodicals, nay of every work; treating of or **published** in the Colonies. Having maintained a correspondence for a **lengthened** period with all the leading learned and **scientific** Societies in foreign countries, and with the most able Writers **on** Colonial subjects, we are able to enlist a greater share of **original** observation and talent for our Work than has ever **before** been brought to bear on one focus.

We cannot conclude without returning thanks to the **host** of generous and able Contributors who have freely come forward to aid us in our arduous effort with their valuable communication and would earnestly solicit a continuance of these kind **favour** for to their **labours** must be mainly attributed the **popularity** and success of our periodical.

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