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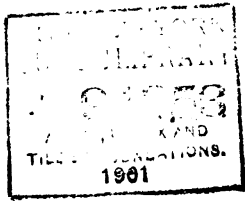
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P R E F A C E .

THE following Sketches were prepared during the past summer, and were allowed a place from time to time, in the "CHARLESTON COURIER." With all the defects and imperfections they came out under, arising from a too hurried preparation, they nevertheless, met with so encouraging and kind a reception from many, high in esteem for their literary taste and critical sagacity, that the writer has been emboldened, in the hope of making them more worthy the good opinion of an intelligent community, to revise them with care, and to offer them again to the public, in their present form.

In this edition, many unintentional omissions have been supplied, and much interesting historical matter has been added. In the 5th Number, appended to the notice of Mr. MYRICK's career on Cooper River, will be found *his mode of cultivating Rice*. This has been introduced by request of several planters on other rivers, desirous of information on the subject. The course detailed may be depended upon as correct. It has been submitted to the following named gentlemen, familiar with Mr. MYRICK's system for many years: Col. JOHN BRYAN, Dr. BENJAMIN HUGER, and THOMAS ASHBY, Esq., who have approved, and authorized the writer to use their names in confirmation of its general accuracy.

To
MY MANY
RELATIVES, AND MANY FRIENDS
ON COOPER RIVER, I INSCRIBE THESE PAGES:—
AN HUMBLE, THOUGH SINCERE TOKEN
OF MY DEEP
REGARD.

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NUMBER ONE.

“Now there is nothing gives a man such spirits,
(Leavening his blood as cayenne doth a curry.)
As going at full speed—no matter where its
Direction be, so 'tis but in a hurry.”

Byron's Don Juan.

THERE is no more agreeable mode of passing a day, and thereby breaking in upon the tedium of a long summer's residence in Charleston, than taking advantage occasionally of the opportunity now afforded for a weekly excursion on Cooper River.

A Steamboat departs from the city every Tuesday morning at 5 o'clock for *Fair Lawn*, the highest convenient landing for steamboats on the western branch of Cooper River, and (thanks to those efforts of genius and of science, which the public has derived from the application of the powers of steam in accelerating the progress and convenience of travelling) *it returns to town the same evening.*

This arrangement so advantageous to the owners of property on the river, and its vicinity, constitutes a