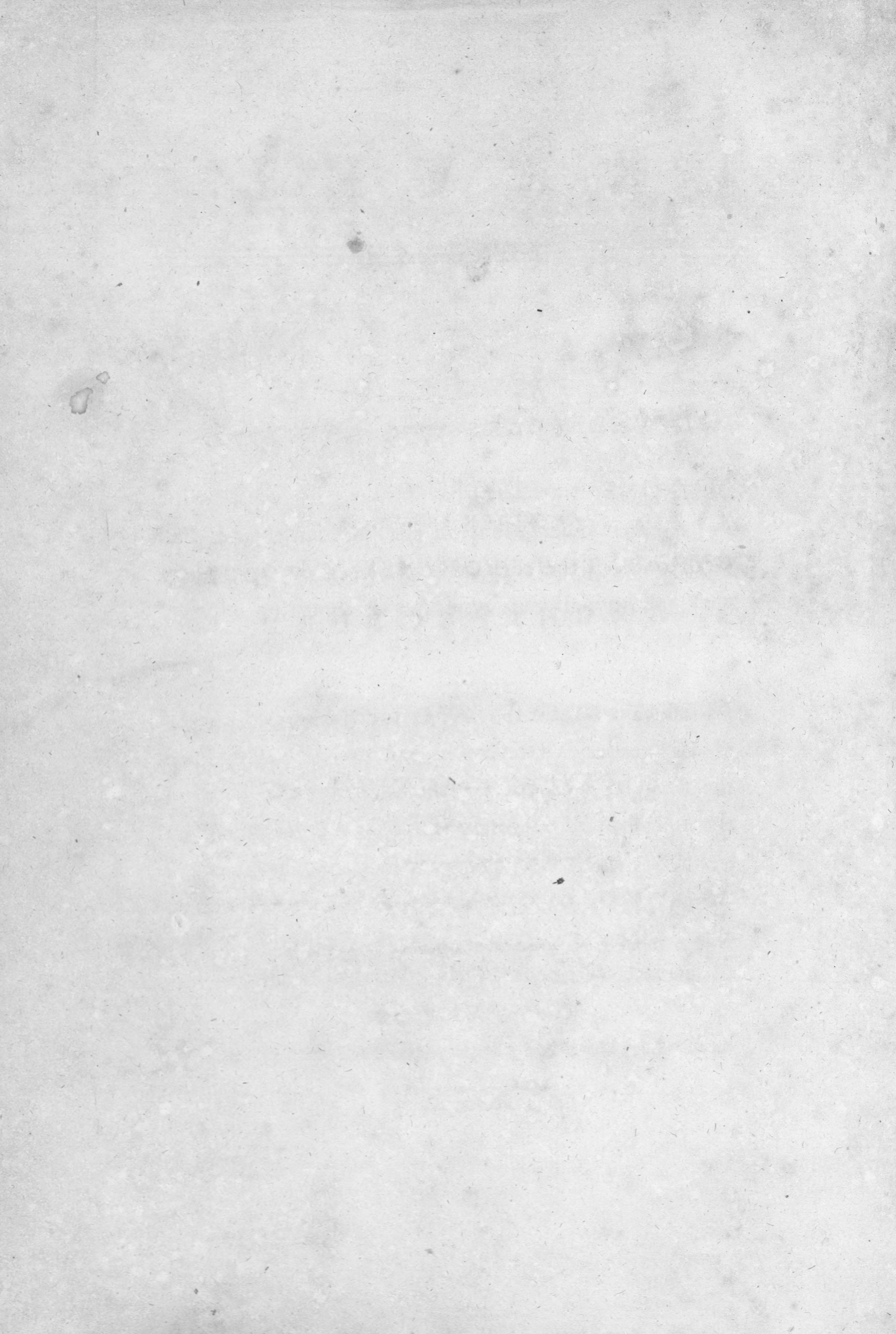


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MOST travellers that favour the world with their observations on foreign countries, endeavour to soften the edge of criticism by declaring, that they had originally no intentions of appearing in print, but were betrayed into the press by the importunities of their friends. This excuse seldom answers the end; for when any essential defect raises the indignation of the reader, as severe a sentence is passed upon the straggler decoyed into the literary walk, as upon the most avowed voluntary trespasser. I shall therefore be very ingenuous, and acknowledge, that when I set out upon my Spanish journey, I had thoughts of publishing my remarks on that country. I had an earnest desire of pursuing a track almost un-

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trodden by travellers, that I might know how great a degree of credit was due to the accounts already given. In my plan of enquiry, an exact investigation of the soil, cultivation, government, commerce, and manners of that kingdom, was to be the grand primary object; but what I was more confident of my strength in, and what I own I found more suitable to my inclinations, was the study of its antiquities, especially the Moorish: in that line, my own eye and labour were sufficient helps to enable me to collect interesting materials for a publication.

The travels through Spain that have appeared in print, are either old and obsolete, consequently in many respects unfit to convey a proper idea of its present state; or only relations of a passage through particular provinces, where the authors had neither time nor opportunity to procure much information.

Not being under any restraint in point of time; being furnished with letters, and every thing necessary for rendering the tour easy, and my stay in the towns agreeable and instructive, with a sufficient knowledge of the language, I had some reason to hope I might
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accomplish my purpose, with satisfaction to myself, and utility to the public. How far I have succeeded, is submitted to the judgment of the candid reader; at least some little indulgence is due to me for having contributed my mite, however insignificant, to the common stock of topographical knowledge; which of late years has been so prodigiously increased by accumulated imports from all parts of the globe. There is but one merit I insist upon, that of a steady adherence to Veracity, as far as I was able to discern Truth from Falseness. I may be detected in many mistakes; because a foreigner must often be exposed to receive partial accounts of things from the natives, who have an interest in hiding the nakedness of their country, and in exaggerating its advantages; but I shall never be detected in a wilful perversion of the truth, being as free from prejudices of all kinds as most men.

Many things in my private letters, of which the following sheets are almost exact copies, were not deemed proper for the public inspection; as there are many trifling occurrences that fill up a letter very agreeably,

agreeably, but when printed become ridiculous. The additions made to the correspondence consist chiefly of the historical, commercial, and literary parts; which I drew from the most esteemed Spanish authors, from some manuscripts, and from books in the public libraries. In these researches I was much assisted by the Reverend Mr. R. Waddilove, chaplain to the British embassy; who, I hope, will excuse my making him this slight acknowledgment.

I have been very particular in whatever regards the history and architecture of the Moors, as those are subjects not yet worn thread-bare: with the help of the prints, I hope to give the curious a satisfactory idea of their manner of building, distributing and adorning public edifices. The Alhambra of Granada is an *unique*, and its excellent preservation affords an opportunity of studying all the detail of their designs and ornaments.

I can answer for the exactness of the drawings; as I never took the liberty of adding or retrenching a single object, for the sake of improving the beauty or harmony of the landscape.

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Invaded by the Carthaginians — 239 before Christ.
 Conquered by the Romans — 206 before Christ.
 Conquered by the Goths — 409 after Christ.
 Invaded by the Saracens — 712 after Christ.

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Asturias and Leon.	Castille.	Aragon.	Navarre.	Portugal.	Saracens.
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