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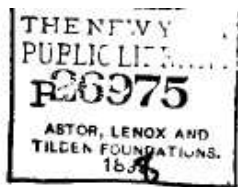
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THE following pages were intended for publication in March last, but were then withheld on the representation made to the Author by Members of Her Majesty's Government, that the views he here advocates would be entertained and promoted. As nothing, however, has since been done by H. M. Government in furtherance of these views, the Pamphlet is now given to the Public, the Question being of too great moment to remain longer on the shelf.

September, 1838.

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TO

GENERAL, THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

LORD WILLIAM BENTINCK, M.P.

LATE GOVERNOR GENERAL OF BRITISH INDIA.

MY LORD,

“Egypt in 1838” is most respectfully dedicated to your Lordship ; and its object is to impose upon you the onerous task of convincing Parliament that times and circumstances, as well as foreign intrigues, call upon England to will the independence of Egypt, as a powerful ally in promoting the stability of British interests, particularly in the East.

EGYPT

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THE success of my pamphlet "Egypt in 1837," in bringing the unnatural position of that country to the notice of the united public of England and India, and the high compliments paid to it, by the press of both countries, induce me to put forth another in 1838, which I do with a conviction that there is no political question so intimately mixed up with the foreign policy of Great Britain with reference to the East, as the acknowledgment of Mahomed Ali and his heirs, as sovereigns of a country which he and they have so rapidly

advanced, to say the least of it, into a respectable kingdom.

It is first necessary to look into the present state of Turkey, before we dissever Egypt from it, and if we find their connexion to be wholly nominal, we should at once dissolve it. Has Turkey declined into a Russian province, and has England contributed towards such a result? I answer, Yes. England was the means of destroying Turkey as a kingdom, which dates its decay from the day of Navarino, when we destroyed her fleet and sailors, and afterwards assisted the Greeks in their rebellion against her; and yet our politicians stoutly maintain that we are the ally of Turkey. Have we proved ourselves so, for the last ten years? No; witness our having permitted Russia to war with Turkey, when we might have prevented it by a simple order to our naval forces at Malta, to sail to the Black Sea, and destroy the Russian fleet. Witness again our non-interference to prevent the annual payment of the monstrous sums assigned by Turkey to Russia at the treaty of Adrianople, the payment of which has since rendered Turkey so poor, that Russia was induced to give up the balance