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PREFACE.

TO MY SOUTH AUSTRALIAN FRIENDS.

As promised, I have kept and compiled, as well as circumstances permitted, a Journal of my journey from Adelaide, South Australia, *via* Melbourne, Victoria, and Sydney, New South Wales, thence by the California route to New York and Liverpool. Probably you may think that I have been too minute in some respects, and many little things may appear trivial at first sight; but as it is intended for inspection by friends in England and elsewhere, as well as yourselves, you will readily see my object. I wish to impress particularly on English friends the fact, that Australia is not such a wilderness as some suppose, and that one can travel from the Antipodes to the old country by steamboat and railway in comparative comfort and without fatigue: hence my frequent allusions to the style of colonial houses and buildings, fitting up of cabins and carriages, supply and quality of edibles and drinkables, prices, and so on. I myself gained 12 lbs. 4 oz. in weight

between Sydney and Liverpool, notwithstanding the irritation, &c., caused by an accident at Honolulu to my left eye, which consequently led to some little trouble and anxiety at times, precluding me from making such ample notes as I desired to do.

WM. CLARE TAYLOR.

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STATISTICS OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA, which was created a free British colony by Imperial Statute in 1835, and proclaimed under a large gum-tree (still preserved at Glenelg, Holdfast Bay, six miles from the city of Adelaide, the capital), 28th December, 1836, contains 245,000,000 acres, or 382,812½ square miles.

The colony was settled on what is termed "the Wakefield" system, land being alienated from the Crown at the upset cash price of 1*l.* an acre, but it can now be taken up on deferred payments at auction, or by private selection.

Population of the colony, 185,000 only, exclusive of aborigines. (N.B. Statistics are to end of 1870.)

Imports, 1,636,503*l.*; exports, 1,580,876*l.* 23 counties proclaimed, embracing with their boundaries 23,441,000 acres, of which not an acre is more than 100 miles away from the sea.

Land alienated from the Crown, 4,198,999 acres; quantity of land occupied by holders of the fee, 2,562,596 acres; entire number of holdings as farms, 13,098, giving an average of 283 acres to each; lands enclosed, about 8,000,000 acres; land brought under crop, 959,006 acres, out of which 604,761 acres were cropped with wheat, producing 6,961,164 bushels, 1870-71, being the