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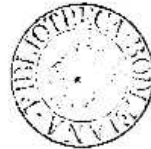
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MOUNDS AND AMORPHOLITES OF BRITAIN," ETC., ETC., ETC.

WITH ILLUSTRATIONS.



"Pendennis tenet asperi cacumina
Celsam montis, et lateant frequenter.
Manditi quoque subidet rotundum
Castrum et fulmineis impetu ferent,
Portus caele quæ patent, Falænsis."
(Cycnus Cantio) Leland.

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To

Robert Were Fox, F.R.S.,

and his daughter, Anna Maria,

this slight token of

respect and affection

is offered by the Author.

PREFACE.

THE officers of a regiment like ours, which is scattered in many places about the world at one time, have opportunities, too often, perhaps, neglected, of collecting materials for the history of our various military garrisons, forts, and stations.

On inspection of the regimental list lately published of the officers of the Royal Artillery, I find that there are two hundred separate stations in which they are quartered. By this it is apparent how wide a scope for research there is now open to the regiment.

The garrison branch of the service has, however, more especial facilities in this respect: and officers detached in out of the way places, with the charge of garrisons, could not better, perhaps, beguile the long dull winter evenings, than by collecting information as to the history of their posts: and this unquestionably, however moderate the degree of interest it might possess for them, would be of great and real interest and value to the future historian.

The Royal Artillery Institution would not, in my humble opinion, be employed improperly, if it encouraged this useful exertion in the field of history, by receiving and publishing historical monographs or sketches of the kind suggested, compiled by officers of the Royal Artillery. At present it refuses even to receive them.

Wherever I have been myself quartered, whether at home or on foreign service, I have occupied a portion of my leisure hours in collecting a few desultory notes of the locality and its associations, and these have from time to time been published.

The following slight historical sketches of two Cornish fortresses, in which I was myself quartered in the year 1873, are now offered, as a very humble example of the sort of exercise I have been recommending, and I hope it will be followed by many of my brother officers. The original sketches were read, from my MS., to a small circle of friends, headed by Miss A. M. Fox, in the castles themselves, at the conclusion of the meeting of the Cornwall Polytechnic Institution, in the autumn of 1873. They have since been completed, by the addition of a considerable amount of matter, gathered principally from the calendars of the State and Clarendon Papers, and from certain old newspapers. Not myself residing in London, with opportunities of easy access to its libraries and records, I entrusted the collection and putting into shape of this additional matter to a gentleman residing there, who has proved an able assistant, and to whom my fullest acknowledgments and best thanks are due. The names of some of the governors and lieutenant or deputy governors of the castles, with dates of their appointments, and other dates since 1754, have been supplied to me by the authorities at the war office, and I am much indebted to them for their courtesy, which will be further acknowledged at the proper places in the ensuing work.

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