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OF THE

FALKLAND ISLANDS,

FROM A

SIX MONTHS' RESIDENCE

IN 1838 AND 1839.

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## INTRODUCTION.

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It may, perhaps, appear presuming in a young man, who entered the navy at an early age, to obtrude himself on the public on this occasion. The only excuse that can be offered is, that some anxiety has of late been expressed on the subject of these islands by many, that a spirit of enterprise and colonization pervades the community, and that no one as yet has given any particular account, founded on a residence of some months, which was the case with me, of the soil, climate, and productions of this secluded, and falsely called dangerous cluster of islands in South America.

It is much to be regretted that my excellent and most able commander\* does not undertake a description of this part of South America, as I cannot forbear saying, that he is much better qualified, in every respect, for the undertaking than I can pretend to be.

There can be no necessity for me to enter into any particular account of these islands in reference

\* B. J. Sullivan, Esq., commander of the 'Arrow.'