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IT was observed, in the preface, that these Memoranda would probably never have been published, had not a book which had lately made its appearance at Paris, been accidentally put into my hands. This book is intitled “*Fragmens d’un Voyage en Afrique, fait pendant les années 1785, 1786, et 1787, &c.*,” and is written by a Mons. Golberry, who appears perfectly to understand the interest of his country in that quarter. It had been my intention, at first, to have dwelt at great length on its contents, and to have given a translation of its most important parts; but I shall content myself with just noticing the book, and its object, in the hope that those, whose province it is, will give it that consideration which it deserves; and prevent France from beginning to act upon this gentleman’s plan, which would, beyond all doubt, be very beneficial to that country, and exceedingly detrimental to this.

This book was published at Paris in 1802, apparently with the sanction and approbation of the government of that country, and the system it recommends would doubtless have been immediately acted upon, had not the commencement of hostilities with this country put a stop to it. However, on the return of peace, it will probably be again taken up, unless anticipated by this country, which at this time may be easily done.