

PREFACE.

THESE *Outlines of British History* aim at furnishing within a moderate compass a clear and impartial account of the progress of the British Nation. The risk of crowding the canvas has been avoided by delineating on it only the most striking events, and the most important actors in them. An effort has been made to connect every great result with the causes which led to it, and to appreciate generously the varied characters of the Sovereigns and the Statesmen of England.