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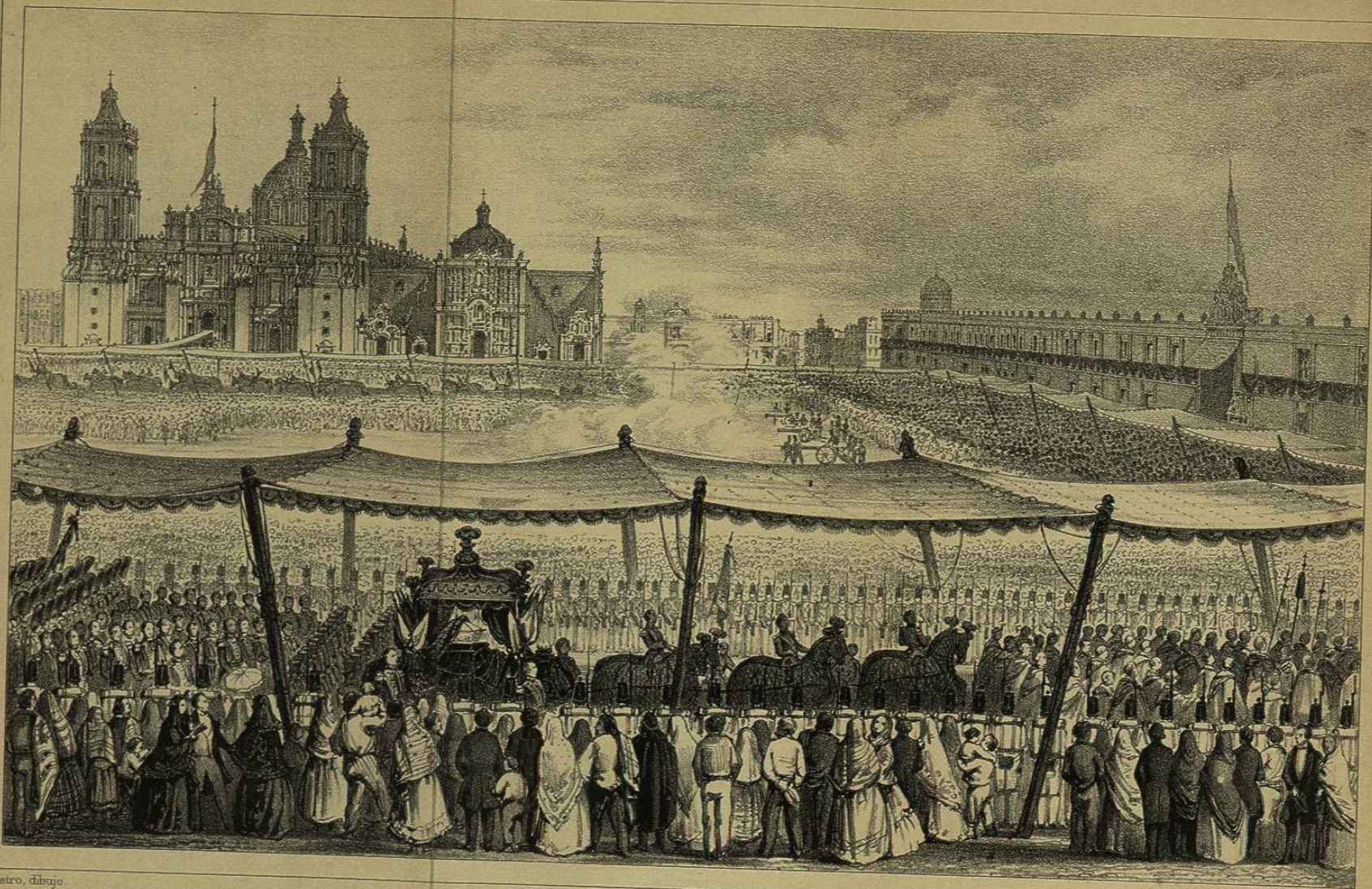
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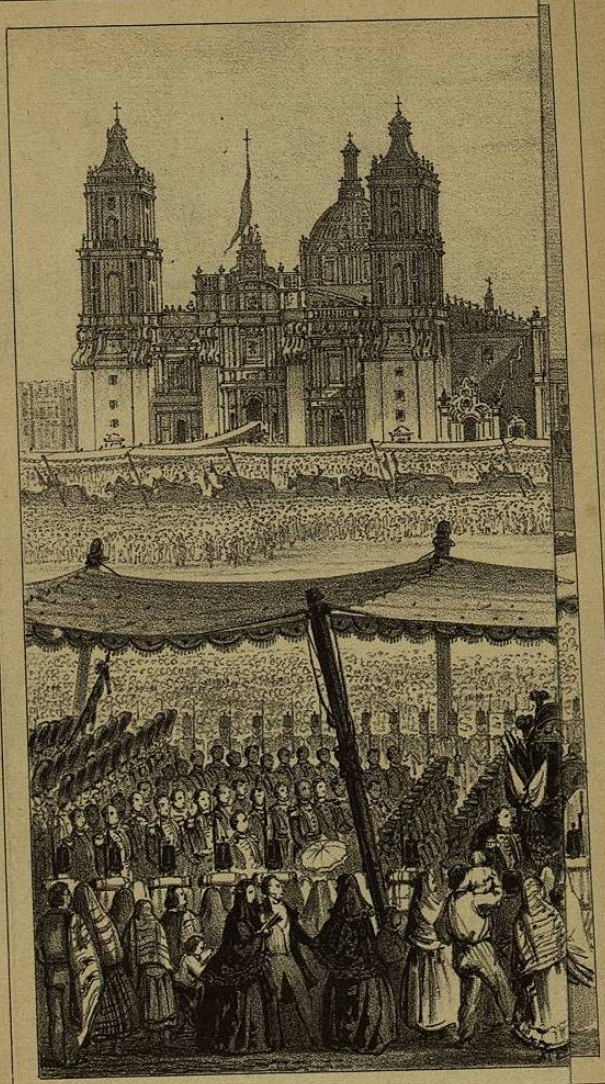
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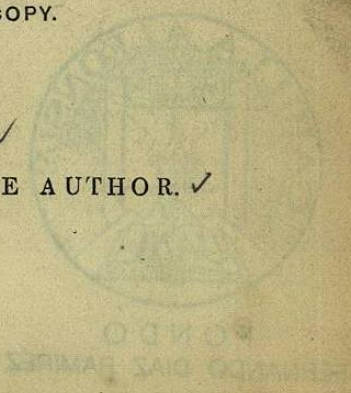
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TO MY DAUGHTER,

WHO,

IMPELLED BY FILIAL AFFECTION,

ACCOMPANIED ME IN MY WANDERINGS,

SHARED MY DANGERS,

LIGHTENED MY CARES, AND ENHANCED MY JOYS,

THE FOLLOWING RECORD OF OUR TRAVEL,

IS AFFECTIONATELY DEDICATED,

BY

WILLIAM PARISH ROBERTSON.

15, NORFOLK TERRACE, BAYSWATER,  
14th March, 1883.







## PREFACE.

I HAVE not much to say by way of Preface to the two volumes, which I now submit to the candid review of my readers. I can scarcely consider the matter of sufficient gravity to enlist professed critics in my behalf; yet seeing the work affects not to take any high rank in literature, I hope its modest pretensions may entitle it to an indulgent perusal by my friends.

The reader will readily perceive that the second volume is much more varied, in the information it conveys, than the first.

The fact is, I should have suppressed many of the earlier details of our voyage and travels; had I foreseen the extent to which matter was likely to grow upon my hands. But before I discovered the error I had committed, the whole of the first

volume, and some part of the second, were in the press. I *could* not then retrench the too diffuse details in the former; and I *would* not suppress the more important information in the latter.

I have taken some pains in collating the lucubrations of most of the writers on Mexico who have preceded me; and where I have been sure their information was correct, their descriptions faithful, and their observations just, I have not hesitated to reproduce their corroborative testimony, interwoven with my own. I have, with very great pleasure, read and extracted from the standard and elaborate work, written many years ago by Sir Henry George Ward, now the Lord High Commissioner of the Ionian Islands. Of Madame C—de la B—'s charming work, I have had repeatedly occasion to speak most highly; and now and then (I hope not too often), to transfer specimens of her piquante matter to my own pages. I further much recommend to my readers, the work of Mr. Brantz Mayer, which teems with information. To these distinguished writers I most readily acknowledge the obligation under which I have been laid.

The slight history I have given of Yucatan, I think will be found to contain something novel to the general reader; while I believe I may safely say, on the other hand, that in no other work on Mexico, will be found an account so full and so interesting, as I have been able, with the assistance of my talented friend, Mr. J. H. Buchan, to give of the celebrated mines and district of Real del Monte. Its present flourishing condition, shews its immense mineral capabilities, and profitable returns, when developed with spirit, tempered by methodical judgment and well-regulated economy. And Real del Monte presents agricultural claims, peculiarly favourable for colonists from northern climes. All proves, in fact, most clearly, what *might* have been done, heretofore, with the splendid district of Real del Monte, had *prudence* sat at the helm in working it out with British capital.

For the application of such aid to the advancement of the mineral interests of the Mexican Republic, its present political state may be considered unfavourable. But order may ere long be restored—as I sincerely pray it may—and then the first and the greatest want of Mexico towards

the development of its riches, that of railway traffic, may be supplied. In no country in the known world, I make bold to say, would any railway produce such brilliant results, as a well considered line from Vera Cruz to the city of Mexico.

London, 1st March, 1853.

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