

PREFACE.

the publication of the present Work. To Richard Owen, Esq., Assistant Curator of the Museum of the Royal College of Surgeons, I am indebted for the elaborate "Observations on the Anatomy of the Toucan" given at the close of the Work, being the result of investigations instituted by himself expressly for this Monograph. From E. T. Bennett, Esq., Secretary of the Zoological Society, N. A. Vigors, Esq., M.P., and W. Swainson, Esq., I have received much valuable information.

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