



## Some Cursory Remarks: Made by James Birket in His Voyage to North America, 1750-1751 (Classic Reprint)

By James Birket

Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*.Excerpt from Some Cursory Remarks: Made by James Birket in His Voyage to North America, 1750-1751 The diary here printed under its original title, Some Cursory Remarks made by James Birket, came undoubtedly from the collection of Dr. William Thornton, now on deposit in the Library of Congress. It was preserved by Mrs. Margaret Bayard Smith, the wife of Samuel Harrison Smith, founder and first editor of the National Intelligencer, and came into the possession of Mrs. Baldwin Wood, a great-great-niece of Mrs. Smith, and wife of Mr. Baldwin Wood of San Francisco, by whom it was presented to the University for publication. Of Birket himself nothing is known, beyond what is stated in his itinerary. He was probably one of Thornton's West India friends, a merchant and sea-captain living in Antigua, where the name is found among the records sufficiently often to establish the presence of a Birket family there. Among the Thornton papers is a little brochure, The Ladies Advocate, a Poem, printed in Antigua in 1748, which bears the name of James Birket,...



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