

INTRODUCTION

The present edition of the *History of the English Language* has been prepared from a copy of the first edition of the same with the corrections and observations of the Editor of the *Quarterly Review* in 1818, and in 1819 in the Library of the Asiatic Society (No. 130 of the *Quarterly Review*) containing the text and also the commentary by Henry...

The rendering of the *History* and the explanation of obscure passages is the result of the Editor's own researches. I have added to this edition a list of the authors and works mentioned in the text with a reference to the passages where their names first occur, and also an index of the technical terms which it is hoped will be found useful in a work like the *History*, abounding as it does with the definitions of the school.