

INTRODUCTION

DURING the preparation of this work a large amount of unpublished material has been collected, as the authors desired to consult original sources as far as possible.

For the accomplishment of this design it was found necessary to make extensive research and to have copies made of thousands of pages of manuscript, the exact value of which could not be ascertained until the transcripts were received.

Through the courtesy of the Librarians of the large libraries of England, France and America, a list was obtained of the most rare books and pamphlets relating to the Siege, printed during the years 1759 or 1760. Some of these pamphlets and journals appear to have been issued for private circulation; in one instance only 25 copies were printed, in another, 50 copies, and a single example of each is known to exist at present. An effort was made to purchase copies of the less scarce works, through well known antiquarian booksellers, but three copies only were obtained in this way. However, the custodians of these valuable publications have allowed transcripts to be made of any book required.