

liant and unparalleled repulse of the enemy before New Orleans. Limited as these descriptions are, it became necessary to add seventy-two pages to the number promised, and the expenses of the work have, in consequence, been so much increased, that without incurring an absolute loss, its bulk could not possibly be any further extended.

The Author cannot conclude this Preface, without assuring his readers that no efforts have been neglected to ascertain the principal facts connected with the events of the war. Persevering as he has been, however, he fears that omissions have been made, or that some misstatements may have crept into the work, and to such he begs the indulgence of those persons who were concerned in the events, as the attainment of the knowledge of such facts too frequently eludes the most industrious research, and the contradictory accounts, with which he has been supplied, have often thrown him into perplexing embarrassments.