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A COMPENDIUM
OF THE
HISTORY OF IRELAND

CHAPTER I.

Of the Original Inhabitants of Ireland.

Q. What is said of the early history of Ireland?

A. It is greatly involved in obscurity.

Q. What has it afforded?

A. A subject of research for antiquaries for nearly two centuries.

Q. From whom did the first inhabitants of Ireland descend?

A. According to the best authorities, they descended from the Celts, who were the first to people the western part of Europe.

Q. How does this fact appear probable?

A. From the striking similarity between their modes of worship.

Q. What else?

A. From their objects of adoration, and their language.

Q. By consulting the ancient authors, what appears reasonable?

A. That while England was peopled from the