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insinuations of his countrymen, he likewise enters very minutely into the circumstances of the *Swedes*, and often omits, or misrepresents, more important points, relative to the legislator and father of *Pennsylvania*; *William Penn*, who gave that province existence, laws, and reputation. The accounts in the first Volume, p. 32 and 33, 37, 42 and 46, seem to be founded on such misrepresentations. A *philosopher* should examine such accounts, hear both parties, and emancipate himself from narrowness of mind and prejudice.

THE author, however, often does justice to the excellent constitution of *Pennsylvania*, as may be seen Vol. I. p. 58, 59. and likewise pag. 270, 271.

THE author speaks of *stones attracting the moisture of the air*; see Vol. I. p. 35; this is somewhat unphilosophically expressed. No stone attracts the moisture of the air, unless impregnated with saline particles; however, when the stones are colder than the atmosphere, they then condense the moisture of the air on their surface; the
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