

rely. These intimations were followed by many assurances of assistance from gentlemen of all ranks in the service, and by promises of full, and accurate, accounts of the operations of the fleets and armies. From such fruitful and authentic sources, the author could not fail to elicit the best possible information, and though he did not immediately contemplate an extension of the limits of the work, he determined to put it more in the form of a familiar and connected narrative, than might have been expected from its title, without assuming, however, the style of a history.

The length and number of the journals and statements transmitted to him, not only tended to increase his labours, but produced much more delay in the completion of the work, and prolonged its appearance beyond the day on which it was thought it would, in all probability, be published.

To the same cause is to be attributed the circumstance of its having attained the three hundredth page, before the account of the northern campaign was fully detailed, and to that circumstance he must refer his readers, for the conciseness of the description of the capture of Washington, the attack upon Baltimore, the operations upon the whole southern coast, and of the bril-

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