

THE
ENGLISH IN AMERICA.

BOOK I.

CHAPTER I.

Introduction—Objects and utility of the work—No connected political history of the Colonies to be found—Popular error as to the origin of the American Republic—One established at Plymouth in 1620, and another in Massachusetts in 1629, which subsisted for more than fifty years—Democracy the result both of design and necessity—Notice of the early settlers.

THE early settlements made by the English in America were effected either by individual speculators or associated companies. They were in general situated at a distance from each other, having at first little or no connection, either political, social or commercial, among themselves, and de-