
PREFACE.

IT is with pleasure we at length present to the public, our Collection of *Indian Narratives*; it is with no less satisfaction we are enabled to state that a collection has been procured much more ample and interesting than at first expected. This volume is perhaps four times as large as at first contemplated: and we have yet in our hands a sufficiency of materials to compose another volume of the same dimensions, should we be encouraged to it, by the degree of approbation, with which the present may be received.

THE facts and Narratives, here collected, have been obtained from persons on whom the fullest reliance can be placed. A few of them, have been published before, but the greater part now appear in print for the first time. In obtaining them, from different parts of this State and of the Union, the publisher has been at very considerable pains and trouble. He should, however, think himself ungrateful, if he did not take this opportunity of expressing his sincere thanks, to those gentlemen who have so politely favored him, with communications on the subject.

SOME of those gentlemen who have been so polite, as to favor us with their assistance, will be disap-