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IN point of wealth, resources and importance, the state of New-York is second to none in the Union. She has been the theatre of interesting transactions since her first colonization. The ambitious views of the aspiring court of France, while it controuled the Canadas, were frequently directed to her subjugation : and in repelling the incursions of the French and Indians, much of her blood has been drawn, and much of her treasure dissipated. The history of the founders of this state is crouded with striking incidents. With a bravery and vigour of soul, which, were they recorded in Grecian or Roman history, would have exalted their names, they defended their territory against invasion, and their civil and religious rights from the encroachments of arbitrary power. In truth, they possessed an unusual portion of that proud spirit of freedom, which looks indignantly upon chains, and spurns coercion. In reviewing the conduct of our ancestors, we find much to swell our bosoms with honourable pride.

Little attention, however, has, hitherto, been directed to the history of this state. While New-Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Vermont, and some other states, possess accurate and valuable historical memoirs, of recent date, New-York has been, for the last seventy years, entirely neglected. The history by Judge

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