



P R E F A C E.

AS the Captivity of Benjamin Gilbert's Family has been a Subject of much Inquiry, and many of their Friends were anxious to have a particular Account of their Sufferings; the following Narrative is presented to them and the Public, reciting the Transactions as circumstantially as could be furnished from Memory, after comparing Accounts with each other on their Return from Canada.

That their Lives were preserved through the many threatening Scenes they passed, whilst in the Hands of the Indians, is to be ascribed, with Gratitude and Thankfulness, to the great Ruler of the Universe, who can say unto the Sea, " Thus far shalt thou go, " and no further." And though Benjamin Gilbert, the Elder, was permitted to sink under the Weight of his Fatigue and Afflictions,