
CHRONOLOGY is, of all others, the most simple, intelligent, and faithful relation of facts. The histories of countries and periods are generally so swelled with brilliancy of language and stippancy of opinion, that the subject is lost in a labyrinth of words, totally foreign and uninteresting.

The publications of the day are so vague and contradictory, and many of them so partial and momentary, that posterity is rather misled than informed. The detail of general and temporary compilations are often too multifarious and immethodical to gratify the enquirer with facility on any given subject, and the want of proper authority is as often supplied by imagery and supposed occurrence.

The late war in America has been substantially given in Gazettes, News-papers, Remembrancers, Annual-Registers, Magazines, &c. but the nature of those publications require so large a portion of other diurnal intelligence as renders them either too complicated or too abrupt to be useful---too nugatory, puerile, and obscure to be entertaining.

But if any able and dispassionate writer should be induced to form a copious and permanent history of the political state of this country for the last ten years, this brief communication of important and curious events will supply him with materials of the most valuable nature, and in the most comprehensive manner ---free from prejudice or error!

No trouble or expence has been left unessayed to accomplish this small but desirable work :---every source of authentic information has been sought for, to reconcile differences and establish dates, and, to mark the progress of coercive and conciliatory acts on both sides of the Atlantic with precision. To select what is really worth notice, from the current passages of less note, was found a task that required the nicest caution, and, to contrast those into an explicit detail called for the greatest attention. How well the author has succeeded is not for him to say: he has done his best, in uniting the utile dulce, and hopes the demand for his American and British Chronicle will be as universal as it is comprehensive and interesting.