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dignity of our country, which records the glorious actions of our countrymen, and which proves that our national character has risen under the influence of our political institutions? The author has therefore thrown in the back ground, the minor events of the late glorious war, in order to place in a more conspicuous point of view, those of a more important character. Our soldiers and sailors have done their duty, it remains for their children to value it as becomes the posterity of freemen, and to cmulate the deeds of their fathers."

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