

mention, that I have not seen any impartial Detail of the more minute, but no less important Occurrences of the War, which, as secret springs, actuated the public movements, and which were never any further disclosed to the world, but as comprised in the general result. The only attempt of the kind which I have seen, was a Work published in America, and written by a Member of Congress, but which I found to be exceedingly partial, both in its Statement of Facts, and Views of the Merits of the Question to be decided.

The present Work being edited at so late a period, will have this advantage, that all Party Views having now subsided, the Author has no Motive to influence his Publication, but that of being an Impartial Annalist, relating Facts which have come within his own Knowledge, and which will remain as a faithful Record of those Transactions, unbiassed by prejudice, for the information of the future Historian.

The impartial eye of posterity, will read the Work, and form their Opinion, unmoved by any political considerations, and having no other sensations than those arising from the Feeling of Regret.

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