

P R E F A C E.

The committee of the Historical Society of B. N. A. decided at their meeting of November 6, to again publish some of the documents in their possession.

From among a variety of papers of great historical interest, they have selected the following Military Journal of events in the war of 1812-13 and 14, which was kept by the late Hon. W. H. Merritt, M. L. C.—one of the original founders of this society.

In performing this duty the committee are aware that they have undertaken a grave responsibility, but at the same time they have endeavored to discharge it with fidelity

It may be remarked that, the journal, subsequent to the battle of Lundy's Lane, was written at a distance from the seat of action, and while Mr. Merritt was a prisoner of war, he had not the advantage of personal observation. The subject, however, was one which never lost its interest; and the incidents described by Mr. Merritt are given in accordance with the statements of persons direct from the scene of the several occurrences.