PREFACE.

FOR many years past I have felt a strong desire to give to the Public, a Summary and Impartial View of that momentous and interesting Subject—the Rise, Progress, and Consummation of the late American War.

From my own personal Knowledge of many of the Events that are herein related, and from a diligent research into many respectable Authorities, I entertain a good hope, that, my Journal of Occurrences will not be unacceptable to the judicious Reader.

There are few probably to whom this Work will be more interesting than to those who have borne a Part in the Events which are here recorded, and whose Recollection of the important Transactions noticed in this Volume, the Author has no doubt will bear full accordance to the truth of his testimony.

It may be thought rather strange, that a Work of this kind should be announced to the Public so long after the Occurrences took place. But I beg leave to