

IN CONGRESS,

JANUARY 25, 1776.

“ **R**ESOLVED, That Dr. Smith be desired to
“ prepare and deliver a FUNERAL ORATION
“ in Honor of General MONTGOMERY, and of those
“ Officers and Soldiers who magnanimously fought and
“ fell with him in maintaining the Principles of Ame-
“ rican Liberty.

Extract from the Minutes,

CHARLES THOMSON, SEC.”

IN pursuance of this appointment the following Oration was drawn up; and as the Author knew that he was to address as great and respectable an audience, perhaps, as was ever convened in America, he neither wish'd to trifle with their character or his own, but used every effort in his power to render the composition worthy of the occasion, and now cheerfully submits it to the public judgment. He foresaw the difficulties incident to the undertaking; and (upon the principles mentioned p. 12, 13,) was prepared to encounter them.

Two or three Quotations have been transferred from the text to the margin; a few small alterations, chiefly verbal, have been made, upon the recommendation of some friends, and a paragraph, (p. 42) which was forgot, in the delivery, is printed in its place. Upon the whole, the Author hopes he has done justice to the memory of those brave men who are the subjects of the Oration; and with respect to those reflections upon public affairs which must rise out of public characters, and are intimately connected with them, he is so far from wishing them retrench'd, that (on a careful review) he is willing to rest, upon them, whatever claim he may have to the appellation of a good Citizen, or Friend to Liberty, so long as it may be remembered that he either ilv'd or wrote in America!