

VIEWS
OF
THE CAMPAIGNS
OF THE
NORTH-WESTERN ARMY, &c.

Without detaining the reader with the formality of a *preface*, I come directly to my object, which is, to give an *impartial* view of the Campaigns of the North-Western Army, &c.

The aspect of affairs on the north-western frontier, had determined the executive of the United States, as early as April, 1812, to send a respectable military force into the Michigan Territory. The open hostility of several of the Indian tribes in that quarter; the defenceless condition of the frontier inhabitants and the moral certainty of a war with England, rendered this measure indispensable. If the expedition had been as ably executed and supported, as it was wisely planned, the happiest consequences would have resulted—the effusion of much blood prevented.

Weighty considerations required that this force should be promptly raised. Accordingly a requisition for a detachment of 1500 men, was made to the governor of Ohio, who thereupon immediately issued orders to the commandants of divisions to furnish 500 men each.