

CONTINUATION
OF THE
HISTORY OF NEW-YORK.

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CHAPTER I.

From Colonel Cosby's appointment to his death; and to the appointment of Mr. Clarke as President of the Province, in 1736.

UPON the death of Mr. Montgomerie, the province was committed to the care of Colonel William Cosby: he had formerly governed Minorca, and exposed himself to reproaches in that island, which followed him across the Atlantic. It was by his order that the effects of one Coppodoville, a Catalan merchant, then residing at Lisbon, were seized at Port Mahon, in 1718, several months before the war of that year was declared against Spain; and he was charged with scandalous practices to secure the booty, by denying the right of appeal, and secreting the papers tending to detect the iniquity of the sentence, and enabling the proprietor to procure its reversal. He arrived here the 1st of August, 1732, and on the 10th spoke to the Assembly, who had met several days before, agreeably to an adjournment. After informing the House, that the delay of his voyage was owing to his desire of assisting the agents for defeating a bill brought into Parliament, partial to the sugar islands, he declared his confidence in their willingness to provide for the support of government, by settling a revenue as ample and permanent as in any former instance; urged their attention to the Indian commerce, and promised his power and interest to render them a happy and flourishing people.