PREFACE.

HE writer of the following sheets has thrown together a few facts, to obviate some mistakes which have been embraced, respecting the Natives of this land; he neither wishes in flatter those of his own colour by acknowledging that they are superior to the tawney Indian; otherwise than as they excel him in acts of beneficence and of an imitation of the the great Author of the Christian Religion; whose name they have assumed; nor to exalt the character of the poor untutored Indian, at the expense of truth, by over-rating their chastity, their love of justice, and hospitality; particularly in their affectionate reception of our Ancestors on their first settlement of Pennfylvania; nor to say more in their favour than is supported by the concurrent testimonies of historians of various religious -rofessions and different nations.

Neither is it intended to justify these people in any of their acts of cruelty:

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