

PREFACE

impartial and unprejudiced, as a conscientious author ought to be in viewing his subject. I have not set down "aught in malice," and should I in any way have wounded the feelings of my compatriots, I ask them to forgive me if it has been my misfortune to have heard with other ears, and seen with other eyes, than theirs.

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