

INTRODUCTION.

BY a careful reading of the French and English official accounts, as they are placed side by side in that marvel of historic wealth, known as the Documentary and Colonial History of New York, we arrive at a proper knowledge of events, which had either been wrongly located, or exaggerated, or obscured. The author has made this the foundation of the following narrative. He also acknowledges his indebtedness to BANCROFT, KIP, BELL, TRUMBULL, HEADLEY, GRAHAM, SPARKS, WATSON, FITCH, VAN COURTLAND, the delightful writer of the life and times of Sir WILLIAM JOHNSON, the eloquent author of Hochalaga—"and the authorities there cited," not omitting the amiable Dr. O'CALLAGHAN ever ready to assist the anxious inquirer after truth. As far as practicable, he has endeavored to give the very language of the time, thereby rendering more life-like the scenes delineated here, than he would have been able to do in any other manner.

To those whose inclinations take them over and through these gate-ways of the country, the guide books furnish accurate and reliable information. The railroad to Fort Edward, and thence the stage-coach, even now being supplanted by the steam-car to Glen's Falls or from Saratoga via the Adirondac or Wilderness railroad