

# PREFACE

TO THE

## AMERICAN REBELLION,

From 1861 to 1865.

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BEFORE issuing this volume to the view of a critical world, the author has been more than ordinarily careful in avoiding all over-estimated statements which he frequently met with through the American journals and many other influential papers, with respect to time and date of the several actions. True, the treatment inflicted on prisoners in the prisons of both North and South was inhuman, to all end and purpose, which appears had no equal, save the cruelties practiced by semi-barbarians or Abyssinians. In the late war it took Twenty millions of Northerners to subdue Three millions of Southerners, although aided by all the descendants of the black race; still, the South was not finally subdued in accordance with the honors of warfare. At last, a compromise was entered into between *Lincoln* and *Hallock* on one side and *General Lee* on the other, before the gates of Richmond; after this interview, the fighting became a sham, when General Lee, the Southern commander, retired from the battle field with all the honors of war, retaining his sword; the Southern dictator, Jefferson Davis, was permitted to skedaddle with the loot and plunder of five years; true, he was brought back and let out on bail, purporting a mock trial, and all bore the character of a compromise.