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PREFACE.

THAT a good Gazetteer of North America is much needed at the present time, will, it is presumed, not be denied. But whether this volume answers to that description, must remain for an enlightened public to decide. The compiler has aimed to collect such a mass of geographical and other information, in regard to North America, as will not only render the book useful in families and to individuals as one of reference, but such as may likewise be of utility to the higher classes in schools. The work, it is presumed, will be found to be much more full in regard to the United States, than any gazetteer extant. Particular care has been taken to give a full account of the literary resources of the United States; and the accounts of the various colleges and seminaries of learning will be found to be much more full than those in gazetteers in general.

In the compilation of this volume, the following works have been largely consulted, and numerous extracts, with slight alterations, taken: viz. Malte Brun's Geography, Morse's and Worcester's geographical works, Darby's Universal Gazetteer, Flint's Geography, National Calendar for 1831 and 1832, American Almanac for 1831 and 1832, Niles's Weekly Register, American Constitutions, American Encyclopedia, and the various state registers. In addition to the above, the compiler has obtained information from a great variety of sources, too numerous to be specified. Particular care has been taken to have the information made use of in this work, the most recent and authentic that could be obtained. The names of the different persons from whose works extracts have been made, are not annexed to those extracts, because in some instances the phrasology has been altered: and in that case it might be considered an act of injustice, as it would ascribe to the individual named that which is not his own, and for which he should not be answerable.

With this brief notice the work is submitted to the inspection of an intelligent public.

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