

## PREFACE.

*FUTURE generations will, perhaps, view the late Revolution in North America, as the most singular phenomenon that ever appeared in the political hemisphere of any nation.*

*To point out the gradual steps by which America finally obtained her Independence, to describe those terrible scenes of rapine, blood, and slaughter, which accompanied those struggles, so fatal to thousands of brave officers and men on both sides, and so ruinous to the finances of the mother country, are principally the objects of this epitome.*

*In the execution of this business, we have endeavored to divest ourselves of every spark of national prejudice, and have, therefore, contented ourselves with barely relating facts, without presuming to give our opinion thereon, wishing to leave our readers the sole power of judging for themselves.*