

## JOHN LEDYARD.



### CHAPTER I.

#### *Early Life.*

1. JOHN LEDYARD, about whose wonderful life I am going to write, was born in the year 1751. His native place was Groton, a small village in Connecticut, on the banks of the River Thames, opposite to New-London. The place of his birth is but a short distance from Fort Griswold, in which, perhaps, my readers know, a great number of American soldiers were cruelly slain, during the war of the revolution, by order of that famous traitor, Benedict Arnold. Colonel William Ledyard, the con-