

## P R E F A C E

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IN presenting this Volume, in its present complete state, before the public, I feel it to be a duty no less gratifying to, than incumbent on, me to tender my best thanks and most grateful acknowledgments for the kindness, liberality, and consideration shewn me, while engaged in an undertaking which, on the outset, I felt to be of no ordinary magnitude ; but which, cheered and encouraged by numerous subscribers and kind friends, I was enabled to accomplish with almost unusual punctuality.

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