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WITH PREFACE by FRANCIS PARKMAN

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PUBLISHERS' NOTICE.

IN offering to our patrons the *Account of General Bouquet's Expedition against the Ohio Indians in 1764*, as the first of the reprints of the OHIO VALLEY HISTORICAL SERIES, we may premise that we have been urged thereto by the rarity of the volume and its intrinsic value as an authentic and reliable narrative of one of the earliest British military expeditions into the *Territory North-West of the Ohio River*.

This work was published at Philadelphia in 1765, reprinted at London the following year; and an edition in French, by C. G. F. DUMAS, was issued at Amsterdam in 1769.

MR. FRANCIS PARKMAN has kindly furnished us with a few prefatory words. The proper introduction, however, to this work, and indeed to all the fragmentary accounts of the later struggles of the white and Indian races in the Central West, is his "History of the Conspiracy of Pontiac," of which this expedition was one of the results. We can not too earnestly recommend its perusal to our readers. His wonderfully clear and exact knowledge of Indian character, and its faithful portrayal in his introductory chapters, together with his minute accounts of their tribal divisions, their internal differences, their modes of warfare, the nature

of their governments, and his general review of the "situation," can not fail to be of great service in attaining an intelligent understanding of the story of the Indian wars in the West, and the trials and hardships of the sturdy pioneers, whose bloody struggles and anxious labors laid the foundation of the present prosperity of this region.

MR. PARKMAN has also translated for us M. DUMAS' biographical sketch of GENERAL BOUQUET prefixed to the French edition. We regret that we are, at present, unable to give a more detailed history of his transactions in this country, the most active and interesting period of his life, concerning which M. DUMAS' sketch is very meagre, passing over in silence his important services as one of the commanders of the *Royal American Corps*, his connection with the former expedition against *Fort Duquesne*, in 1758, under GENERAL FORBES, and his celebrated controversy with General—then Colonel—WASHINGTON as to the route which that expedition should take from *Carlisle* to *Fort Duquesne*.* The one urgently advocated by GENERAL BOUQUET, through *Raystown*, now *Bedford*, and *Loyal Hanna*, was adopted, and the marked advantage of this road in subsequent military operations, and in encouraging the settlement of *Western Pennsylvania*, evinced his practical wisdom and forethought.

*For particulars of this controversy, see Craig's "Olden Time," Vol. I, published at Pittsburgh in 1846, and Sparks' "Life and Writings of Washington," Vol. II.

We would call the attention of our readers to the successful manner in which, by the "*Osborne Process*," the American Photo-Lithographic Company have reproduced the map, plans, and the two plates by BENJAMIN WEST, in *fac-simile* of the originals.

For facility of reference, an index has been added.

A former edition for the Ohio Valley Series was published in 1867, in which the oldstyle spelling and form of type of the original edition was used, but in this reprinting it has been thought best to modernize the style, and make it plainer and better for current reading.