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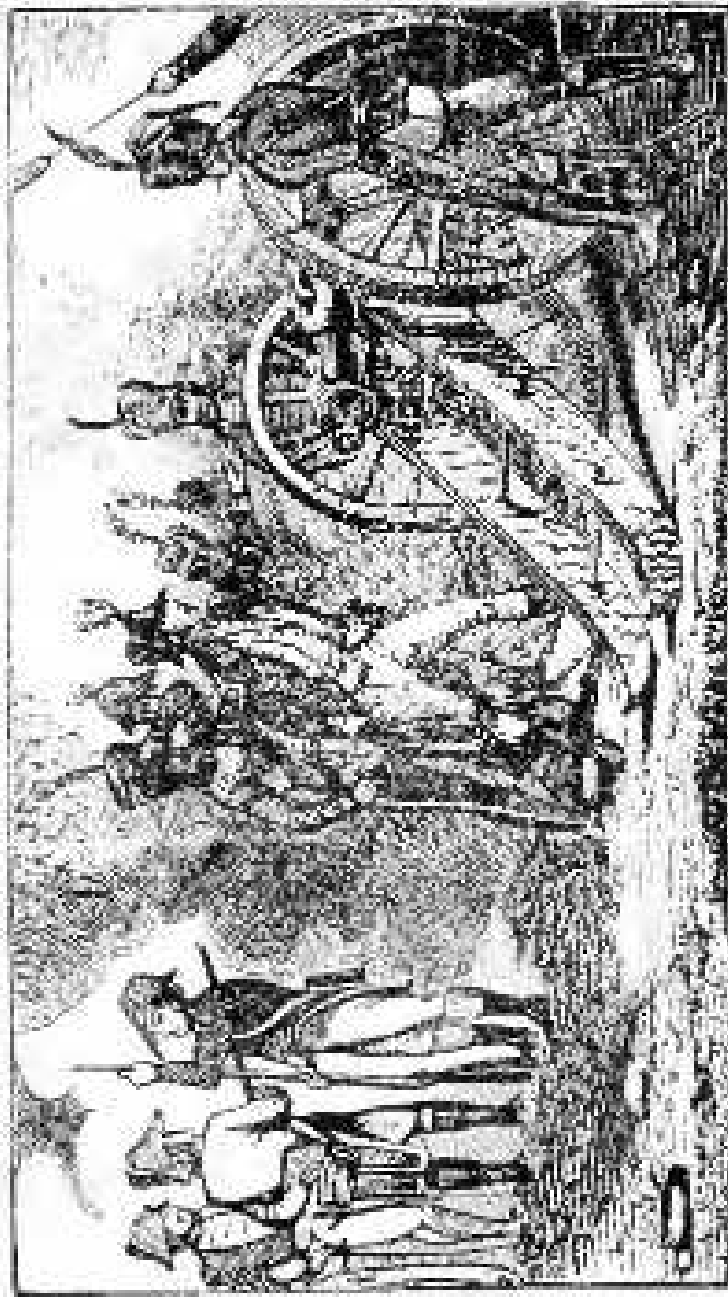
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PREFACE.

THIS little volume contains the lives of Generals Brown, Ripley, and Pike, written with special reference to popular use and intended for popular instruction. These eminent men all distinguished themselves by their services in the last war with Great Britain. General Brown, coming fresh from the ranks of the people, self-educated and unpatronized, by his own extraordinary merit and abilities rose to the highest military rank in the gift of the government. General Ripley, leaving a lucrative profession, plunged into the blood and dust of the late war, won imperishable laurels by noble exploits, and then, laying aside his military rank, re-

turned to the practice of his profession, in which he ended his useful and honourable life. General Pike had served his country efficiently in the army before the commencement of the late war; and he was among its earliest and most lamented victims, falling gloriously, like Warren, in the arms of victory.

The perusal of the lives of these eminent men is calculated to impress on the minds of American youth lasting lessons of patriotism and public spirit.

LIFE OF JACOB BROWN.

EARLY LIFE.

MAJOR-GENERAL BROWN was, in the true signification of the term, a practical man, calculated for the management of weighty concerns. It is apparent, as well from the native texture of his mind, as from the decision and general cast of his character, that he was formed by nature for a man of business. He was one of those privileged individuals, who, possessing capabilities peculiar to themselves, seemed des-

tined to attain to important ends, independently of the ordinary means of achievement. The favourite of nature rather than the dependent nursling of education, he did not require the constant result of experience and discipline to become wise and skilful, nor the usual course of gradation to rise to eminence. In most of his undertakings he perceived, by the force of a strong natural sagacity, the shortest and readiest way to success, and seldom failed to attain it, oftentimes creating extraordinary means of accomplishment where common ones were wanting.

Although enamoured of peaceful life, and eminently calculated for its business enjoyments, his highest talent was, perhaps, for war. His