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PREFACE.

IN preparing this abridgment of McSherry's History of Maryland, while strictly observing its spirit, I have not confined myself entirely to the text of that excellent work; whenever I have thought a fact could be more clearly elucidated, or the narrative made more interesting to the young, I have drawn freely from Bozman, from McMahon, from Bancroft, Irving, Davis, and other authentic sources.

The Proprietary government, under which Maryland was established and grew up, is known to her people almost only by its name. Yet it is in that government that we find the germs of those principles of popular liberty that resulted in the Revolution; and it is in the free institutions established under it, that we recognize the school in which our fathers learned both the true objects of government, and their own rights as individuals.

There is perhaps no stimulus to worthy deeds, or at least to the preservation of self-respect, equal to that which is furnished in the legacy of a good name. That our youth should know how rich the History of Maryland is in all that can inspire noble emulation, is not only desirable in itself, but is the surest pledge that they will be animated to deeds worthy of their sires, and that, by imitating the virtue, the valor, and the liberality of their forefathers, they will hand down the State to posterity with untarnished lustre.

In the hope that this little book may be instrumental in promoting this knowledge among the rising generation of our State, it is submitted to the public.

HENRY ONDERDONK.

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