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## FOREWORD

The signal service rendered by the United States Army Medical Department during the Great War has greatly intensified the interest in the history of this organization.

Colonel William O. Owen, curator of the Army Medical Museum, Washington, D. C., has made a valuable contribution to medical history by culling from the Journal of the Provincial Congress of Massachusetts Bay (1775) and the Journal of the Continental Congress (1774-1783) the entries relating to the United States Army Medical Department. This material, supplemented by excerpts from Thacher's *Military Journal*, was first published serially in the ANNALS OF MEDICAL HISTORY.<sup>1</sup> The interest evinced in these articles has led to their republication in book form.

The portraits of James Tilton, William

<sup>1</sup> *Ann. Med. Hist.*, vol. i, nos. 2, 3 and 4. Paul B. Hoeber, New York.



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Shippen, Jr., John Morgan and James Craik are added to give a more intimate contact with the men who were most prominently identified with the formation of the medical department. These illustrations were not included in the serial publication.

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