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To My Friends

PREFACE.

Anatole France, the distinguished French writer remarks, as if it were the merest truism "that all historical works which are not lies, are insupportably dull"

In view of this sweeping assertion it requires no little fortitude to confess, that this History is absolutely truthful, to the best of the author's knowledge and belief.

In the adjustment of conflicting facts some seeming errors possibly may be found, but none that have not been carefully examined, and have in

"* * * * * nothing extenuate
Nor set down aught in malice."

Grateful acknowledgments are made to Mr. Stephen B. Miller's "Historical Sketches of Hudson." Had that work been still in print this would not have been written. The fear that its valuable material would be lost, together with the numerous inquiries in relation to the early history and settlement of Hudson, led to the preparation of this volume.

Thanks are also due to Mr. Peyton F. Miller's "A Group of Great Lawyers," and to all who have so willingly assisted by the loan of books and documents, or by the expression of a kindly interest.

A. R. B.

Hudson, September 15, 1908.

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