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A BATTLE SCENE AT POINT PLEASANT OCTOBER 10, 1774.
A facsimile of the bas-relief on lower plinth on the western side of the Battle Monument, at Point Pleasant, West Virginia.

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"Roll back—my soul—to the times of my Fathers. * * * There comes a voice that
awakes my soul—It is the voice of days that are gone—They roll before me with all their
deeds."—OSSEAN.

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A PREFATORY NOTE.

I was born within a few miles of the battle-field of Point Pleasant, the chief event of Lord Dunmore's War, and reared largely among the descendants of the men who participated in that struggle. It was therefore but natural that even in my early years there was awakened an interest in the history not only of the battle itself, but of all that related to the participants therein—to all that concerned the gallantry and achievements of the men of 1774. In my research I have sought to collect material from trust-worthy sources, because I have desired to give to this work the interest which every reader must have in a work treating of history. For this reason the only material used has been drawn from original sources, documents, and writings which were contemporaneous with the occurrence of the events described. Much error has been incorporated into the later writings regarding Dunmore's War. This is the result of a carelessness on the part of those, who without making research and investigation necessary to arrive at truth, seized rumors, traditions, and vague recollections, as sufficient authority upon which to base an assertion, and who substituted their own inferences for authenticated facts. These errors of statement have sometimes been repeated by considerate writers whose distrust was not excited; and this has increased the difficulties of pains-taking historians. But now, the publication of Thwaites and Kellogg's "Documentary History of Dunmore's War;" the "Revolution on the Upper Ohio," by the same authors; the printing by Virginia of the Journals of the House of Burgesses; Ford's reprint of the Journals of the Continental Congress and other sources of recent appearance, added to that which was previously available, has almost given to Dunmore's War a literature of its own. It is therefore, to be hoped that, henceforth, writers who heretofore, indulged in what may be termed the

gossip of history, may no longer accept myths, legends and traditions as authority, and that they will thus cease to perpetuate the errors of statements long current, regarding Lord Dunmore's War and its chief event—the battle of Point Pleasant,

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Charleston, West Virginia,
September 1, 1909.



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