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H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE,

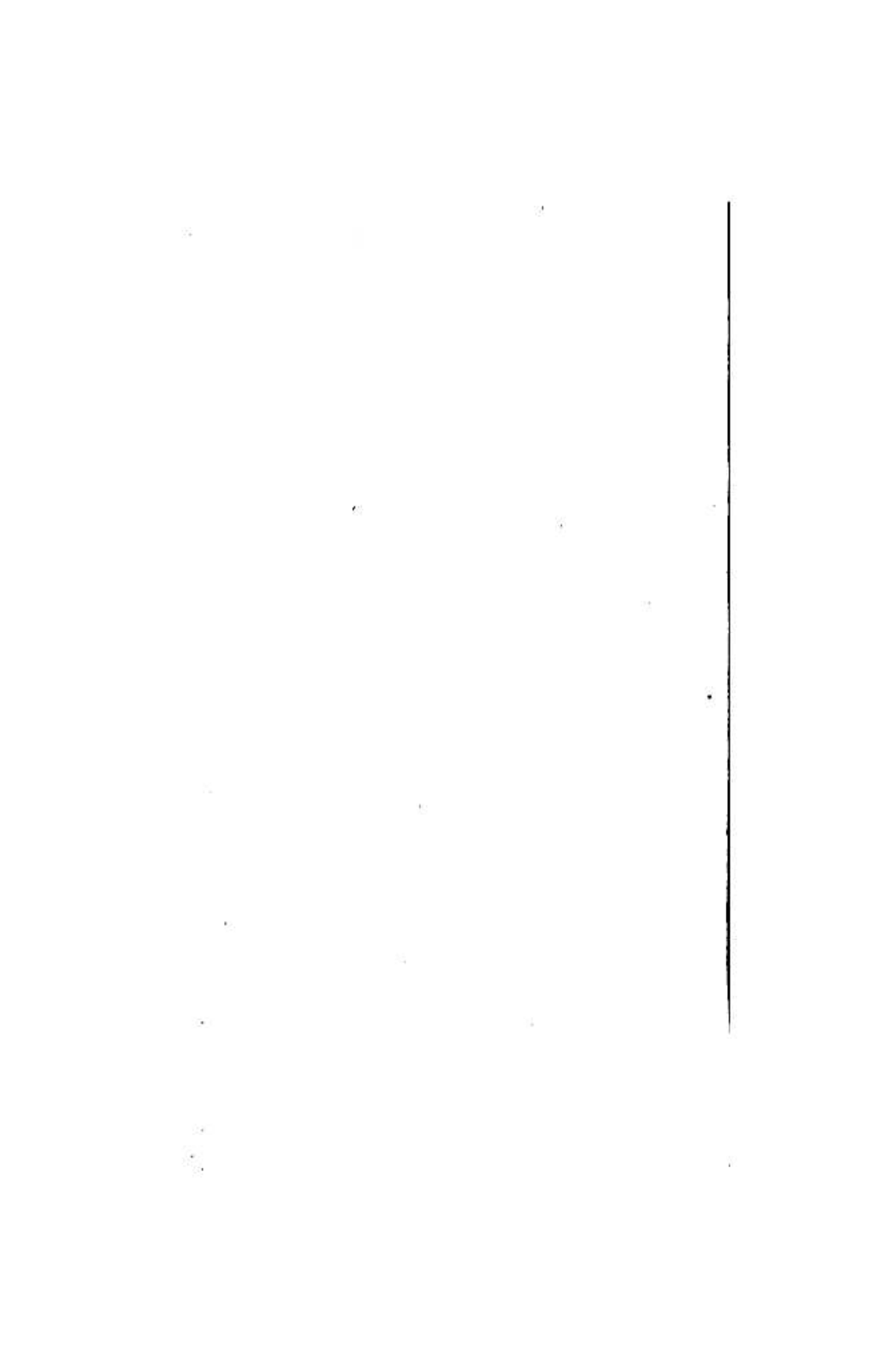
UNDER WHOSE DIRECTION  
THE STUDY OF MILITARY HISTORY HAS FIRST BEEN INTRODUCED  
INTO THE EDUCATION OF THE BRITISH OFFICER,

THIS LITTLE WORK

IS (WITH HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS'S GRACIOUS PERMISSION)

MOST RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED BY

THE AUTHOR.



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## INTRODUCTION.

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THIS book is not offered to the Public as a complete history of the campaigns of which it treats. The Author would consider the task of composing such a work to be greatly beyond his powers, even were it possible for him to have gathered already the necessary material.

But there is a peculiarity accompanying the whole progress of the American civil war, which enables it to be discussed in a way that no other such contest has been. For every phase of its greater events—at least of those occurring near the two capitals—has been witnessed and described by numerous observers of different nations, and of every class of opinion. And it is believed to be possible, whilst the subject is yet of present interest, to collect from existing sources such a narrative as shall put before the general reader all the really important matter, without wearying him

with unnecessary details concerning unknown personages and doubtful events.

For this purpose, research has been made into numerous periodicals of France, England, Germany, and America, for the accounts given by eye-witnesses of the different operations here treated of. The Author has endeavoured to eliminate from these with care the colouring given by the passion of the day, or by extravagance of writing; so as to produce something as nearly approaching to a reliable history as the means afford. Such sources must necessarily abound in errors, but these he hopes will be here found corrected: for he has been favoured with numerous private communications from persons who have been spectators of portions of the war, or have had relatives actively engaged in it. He has also, by the kindness of some of them, had access to valuable correspondence bearing on its leading features down to the end of 1862.

In the last section—that on the operations in April and May, 1863, which has been written since the former portion went to the press—there has of necessity not been sufficient time to make the same close inquiries as to less certain points. The Author requests that this circumstance may be admitted as an apology for any minor inaccuracy that may