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P R E F A C E .

THE discovery of the New World by Christopher Columbus, and the glowing description which was given of it by Americus Vespucius, aroused the governments of Europe to a perception of the importance of forming settlements in these new domains, and thus, by virtue of the right of discovery, or when this could not be urged, then by priority of possession, obtaining a title to some portions of its vast territory, which they might ever after hold as colonial dependencies. Accordingly, towns were built along its coast, and forts erected in the interior by subjects of different nations. As time rolled on, and enterprising pioneers pushed their explorations further from the original settle-

ments, they came in contact with each other. Then arose mutual accusations of trespassing beyond authorized limits. Collisions and wars were the consequence, until, after the expenditure of much treasure and blood, the Dutch and the French were subdued, and nearly the whole of North America came into the possession of the English.

After this, the British Parliament, by a series of indiscreet and oppressive acts, greatly irritated the colonies, and effectually alienated them from the mother country. The development of these facts, with an account of other cotemporaneous events of an interesting character in the history of our country, and especially in connection with Maryland, is the object of the present volume.

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