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PREFACE.

NEW NETHERLAND, worthy Reader, may be truly called, The Mother of States, for her Territory extended originally from the Chesapeake unto Cape Cod. In course of time, however, the Connecticut river became her Northern Boundary, and so continued to be until 1650, when, by the Treaty concluded at Hartford, her bounds upon the Main were fixed at the west side of Greenwich bay, being about four miles from Stamford, Conn., and upon Long Island, at Oysterbay—the portion east of this last mentioned locality belonging to the English, and the westernmost part of said Island, to the Dutch. Thus, in fine, did it come to pass, that the present States of Delaware, New Jersey and New York are the legitimate and, we are glad to know, the prosperous offspring of our own NEW NETHERLAND, which Henry Hudson, then in the employ of the Dutch East India Com-

pany, discovered, as our Annals show, in the Year of Grace, 1609, long before Plymouth Rock was known.

Colonization followed, and with colonization came Civilization, and with civilization, a regular form of government.

Who were the Pioneers in the mighty work of wresting this vast territory from Barbarism—who were they who first established Churches, Courts, Schools, and Hospitals; introduced Agriculture, Navigation, and the kindred Arts of civilized life, and thus laid the foundation of Institutions, which, multiplying in course of years, have since constituted the honor, the pride and the glory of the EMPIRE STATE?

Reader, the object of this little Book, which is commended to your patient indulgence, is to rescue from oblivion the Names of those brave and worthy Men. Their bodies

“are dust,

And their good swords are rust,

Their souls are with the Saints, we trust.”

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