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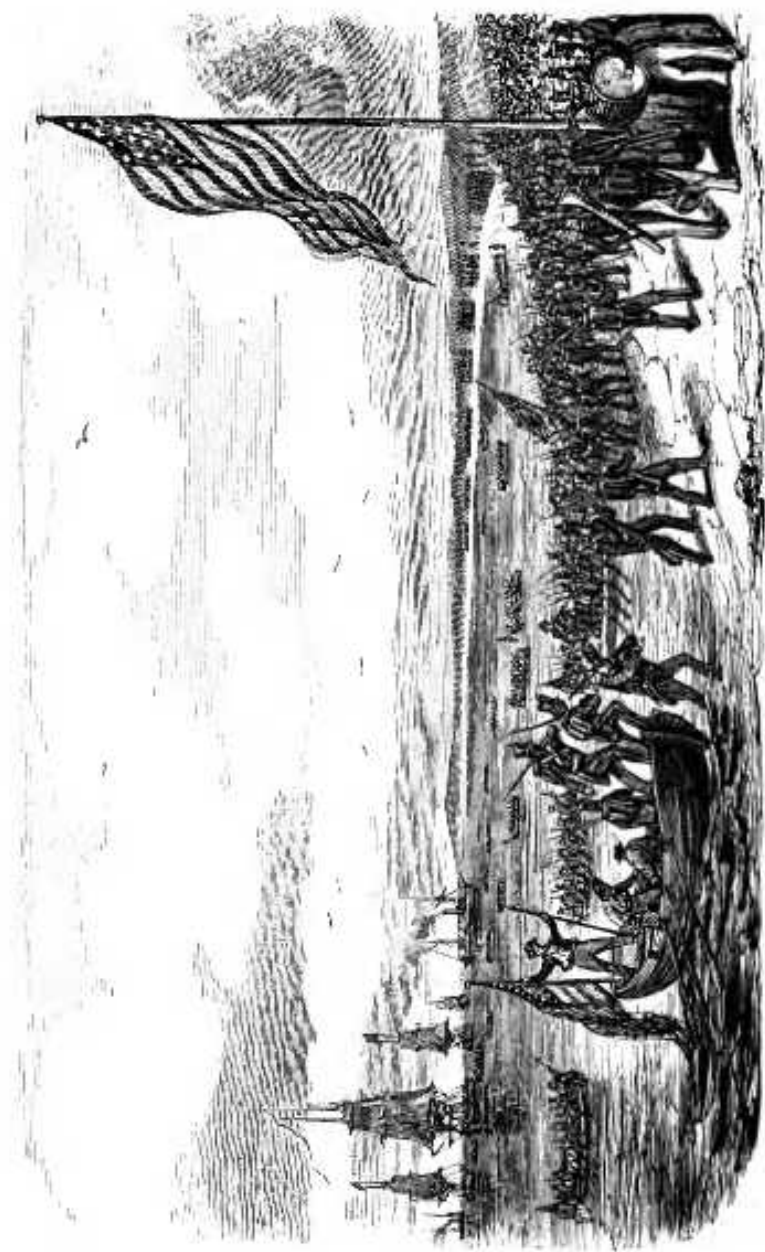
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THE present war with Mexico has developed, in a very extraordinary manner, the military resources of this country. It has made the world acquainted with many facts and principles which are worthy of especial attention to every one who feels an interest in our national history, and a desire that the national honour shall always be maintained. It has demonstrated that a people devoted to the arts of peace, and possessing free political institutions, can easily vanquish a military people, governed by military despots. It has shown that fresh volunteers, under the command of intelligent and able officers, can take fortified cities and castles, garrisoned by double the number of the assailants; and gain victories, in pitched battles, over disciplined armies five times as numerous as themselves. These are interesting facts; and particularly interesting to Americans, as they evidently involve the principle, that political freedom is the chief element of military success.

All this has been accomplished by a small army, with a staff of officers never surpassed in valour and ability. To afford the public sketches of the personal history of these officers, and to give details of their service in this war, is the purpose of the present work. It is compiled from authentic materials, consisting of public documents and private correspondence and memoirs, derived in many instances from family connections of the officers. The author has endeavoured to give in every instance the truth without respect to persons, and he hopes that in this he has been as successful as the nature of the undertaking would permit.

Philadelphia, Jan. 1, 1848.

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