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## DEDICATION.

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TO THE HONORABLE JOHN P. KENNEDY.

MY DEAR SIR:—

In 1823, after the lapse of many years, the project of connecting the East and the West, through the valleys of the Potomac River, and that of the most convenient tributary to the Ohio west of the mountains, was revived in the form of a proposition for a continuous canal navigation. To consummate this connection, required the rights and privileges secured under the existing charter of the Potomac Company to be surrendered. This was done; the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company was organized, and all the original papers, books, records, and notes, belonging to that *time-honored* enterprise, were deposited in its office.

My connection with this Company for several years, as one of the Board of Directors, enabled me to collect

the interesting details for the narrative from the materials thus deposited. Their arrangement in chronological order required much care and labor, but was necessary to give it the unity of history. To preserve it in this form I was not altogether prompted by motives of personal interest; it appeared to me a duty to avail myself of the opportunity that was afforded, to give the authenticated facts to the public, however unimportant in themselves, in which the FATHER OF HIS COUNTRY took the most prominent part, and which might contribute to shed additional light upon the beauty, the harmony, and the virtue of his illustrious life.

The extracts from the private correspondence of General Washington, and for which I am indebted to the kindness of Mr. Jared Sparks, form perhaps the most interesting part of the volume.

In appropriating my labors, I cannot refrain from their introduction to the American public, through the name of one whose public and private life is distinguished by every virtue that adorns the good citizen, the patriotic legislator, and the sound statesman. Recognizing in him also a highly valued per-



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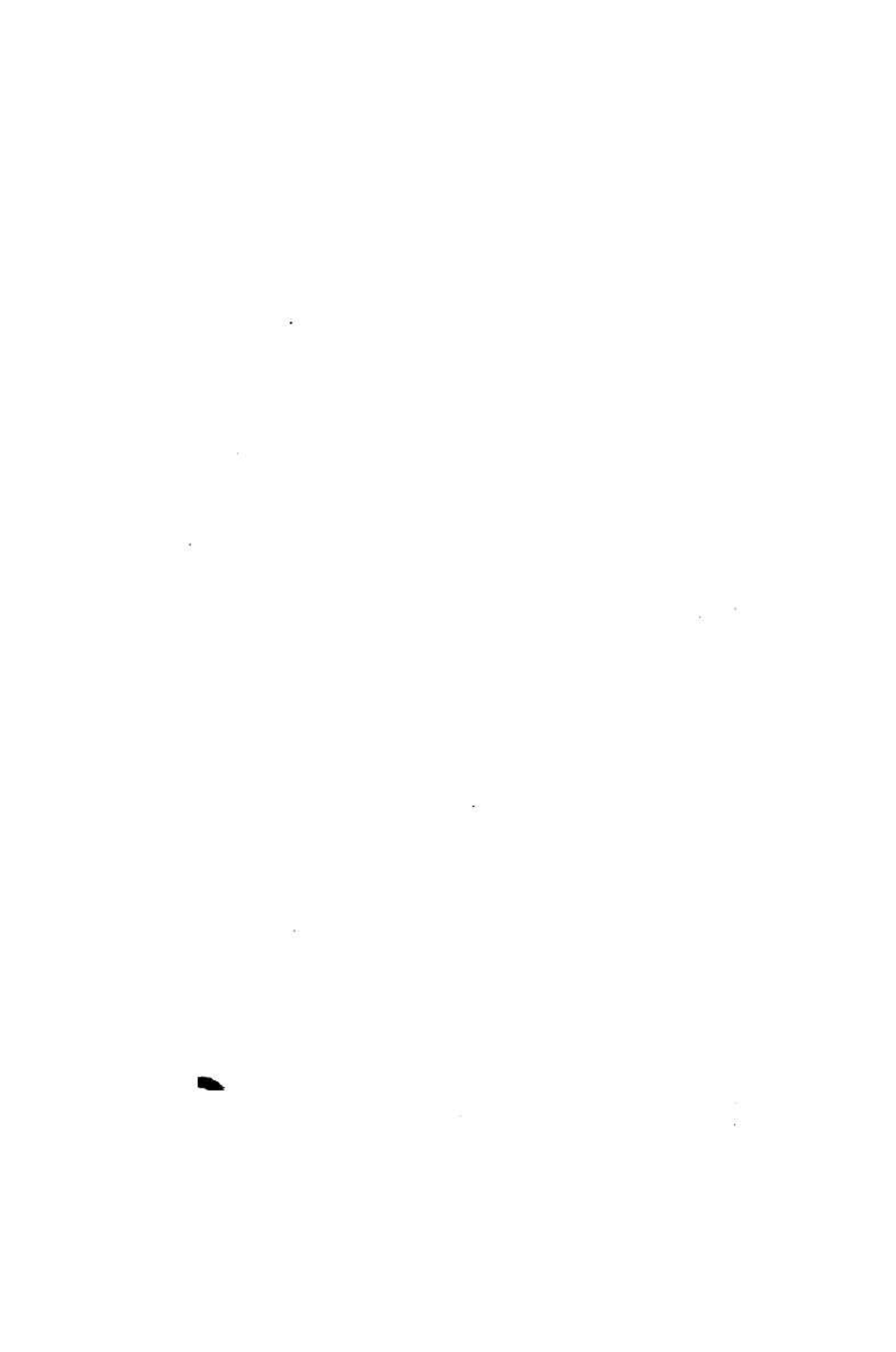
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sonal friend, I felt that I could not manifest my appreciation of that friendship more suitably than by the dedication of the volume which adds a new item to the history of the life of the *greatest and best*.

I am, most respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

THE AUTHOR.



## INTRODUCTORY REMARKS.

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THE conspicuous part it was the glory of WASHINGTON to act upon the theatre of public affairs, during one of the most eventful periods in the history of the world; the universal dignity and charm of his demeanor in all the relations of life in which he was placed; the affability and disinterested kindness of his intercourse with others; the virtuous simplicity of his retirement after the consummation of his country's independence; the harmony of his public and his private life; the purity of his patriotism and the splendor of his military career, formed altogether such a union of goodness and greatness in the character of one individual as was calculated to excite the warmest interest, and command the admiration of mankind.

\* An accomplished classical writer, in his portraiture of this illustrious personage, truly and eloquently says: "He united the intrepidity of Aristides, the patriotism of Cato, the military prudence of Cæsar, and the humanity of Scipio. He was to his own beloved country, what Themistocles and Solon were