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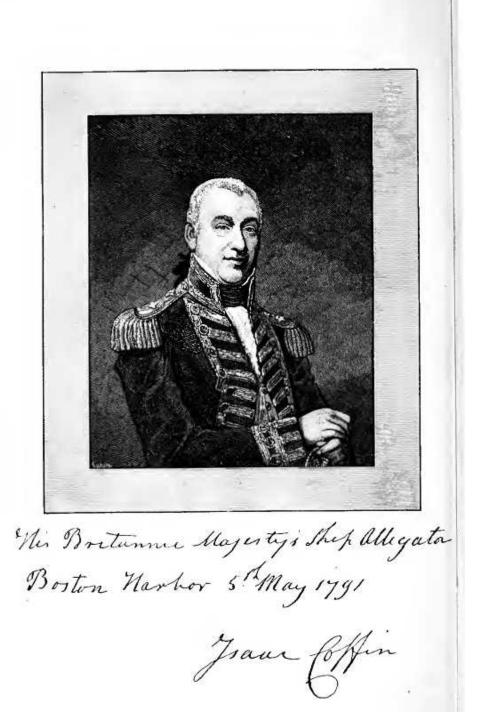
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PREFACE.

THIS memoir, in its original form of a discourse, had its limitations of time and topic. Much else might have been added connected with the subject had the occasion allowed. The several histories of Nantucket, the "Life of Tristram Coffin," by Mr. Allen Coffin ; of "General John Coffin," by his son, Henry Edward ; "The Arms of the Family," by Mr. John Coffin Jones Brown, are well known and accessible. Other sources of information exist in print and manuscript. Bearing in mind that many readers of these pages will find them more instructive if they have at hand what will better explain them, I have borrowed from their pages, under marks of quotation, in the larger part by permission and with grateful acknowledgments. If I have been too bold, I pray their forgiveness. Let me also express my sense of the kindness of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, in permitting me to read what portions of this memoir their limits permitted, in their course, and to have these portions, somewhat extended, inserted in their January *Record*.

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