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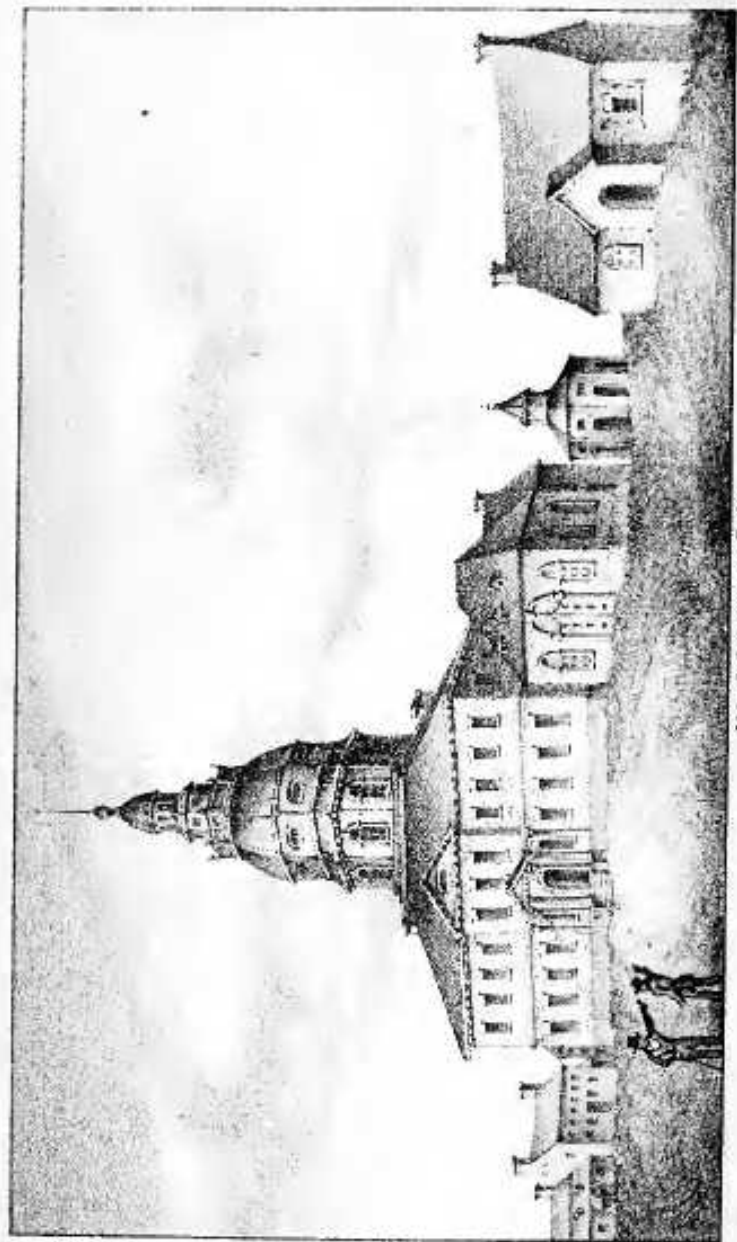
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CITIZENS OF ANNAPOLIS,

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IS RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED,

BY

THE AUTHOR.



INTRODUCTION.

THE author of the following pages entertaining the belief, that their publication might be acceptable to his fellow-citizens, has committed them to the press, in the hope that his readers may derive something of interest and entertainment from their perusal. In taking this step, he has had many misgivings. Diffident of his ability to invest his subject with the interest that belongs to it, he would have been loath indeed to give 'The Annals of Annapolis' publicity, had it not been for the absence of any such publication.

It must not be supposed by his readers, that this work is intended to supply the place of biography. The lives of eminent citizens form a part of the history of the times in which they acted and flourished, but that minuteness of detail which belong to such efforts is neither within his reach, nor within the scope of this design. Eminent men are occasionally mentioned, when they are necessarily associated with the annals of

the city, but, at the same time, many citizens of learning, parts and patriotism, must escape particular mention in such a work as this.

He has gathered his *materiel* from the records and documents within his reach. He is greatly indebted for much of it to 'Bozman's' and 'McMahon's Histories of Maryland,' 'Henning's Statutes at Large of Virginia,' 'The Maryland Gazette,' a series of essays under the caption of 'The Annapoliad,' 'Bacon's Laws of Maryland,' and 'Eddis's Letters from America,' and to a late venerable Lady of Annapolis, for many traditional reminiscences.

He bespeaks for this publication the clemency of a generous public.