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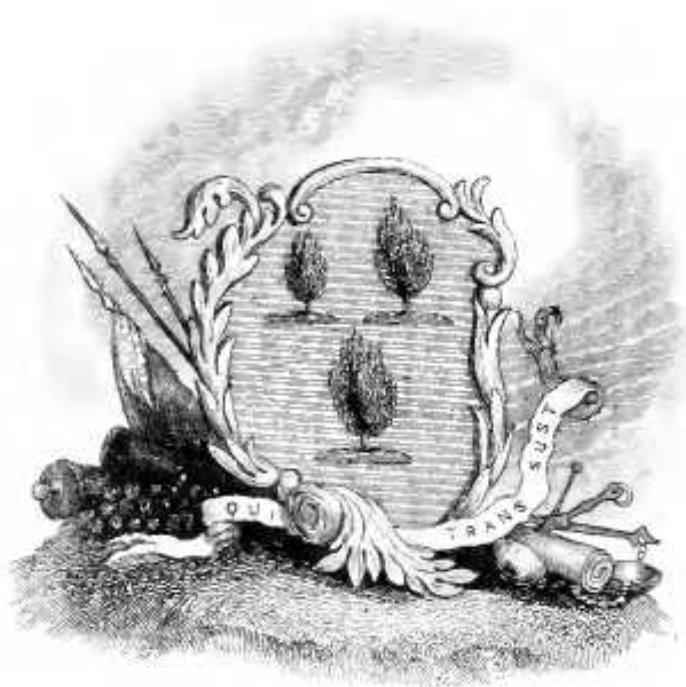
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PUBLISHERS' PREFACE.

THERE are but few persons in this country who have not, at some time or other, felt the want of an accurate, well written, concise, yet clear and reliable history of their own or some other state.

The want here indicated is now about being supplied; and, as the task of doing so is no light or superficial one, the publishers have given into the hands of the two gentlemen whose names appear in the title-page, the work of preparing a series of CABINET HISTORIES, embracing a volume for each state in the Union. Of their ability to perform this well, we need not speak. They are no strangers in the literary world. What they undertake the public may rest assured will be performed thoroughly; and that no sectarian, sectional, or party feelings will bias their judgment, or lead them to violate the integrity of history.

The importance of a series of state histories like those now commenced, can scarcely be estimated. Being condensed as carefully as accuracy and interest of narrative will permit, the size and price of the volumes will bring them within the reach of every family in the country, thus making them home-reading books for old and young. Each individual will,

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The size and style of the series will be uniform with the present volume. The authors, who have been for some time collecting and arranging materials, will furnish the succeeding volumes as rapidly as their careful preparation will warrant.

PREFACE.

THIS volume presents, within as small a compass as was consistent with clearness of expression, a narrative of the events which have occurred within the limits of Connecticut, adapted to the wants of all those who cherish a respect for the patriotism of their ancestors, or who desire a knowledge of the leading facts in the history of the State.

The honourable example of the small band of exiles by whom it was first founded, alike sturdy in defence of their religious creed and their political independence, fostered that brave and uncompromising spirit in their successors which was displayed in their opposition to the encroachments of the mother country, and which still