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MAJOR JOHN PITCAIRN.

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DEDICATION.

TO MY SON :

CHARLES LYMAN COBURN,

A NATIVE OF LEXINGTON.

1847

1. The first part of the text discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions and activities. It emphasizes that this is crucial for ensuring transparency and accountability, particularly in financial reporting and auditing. The text notes that without proper record-keeping, it becomes difficult to track expenses, revenues, and other key financial metrics, which can lead to errors and discrepancies.

2. The second part of the text focuses on the role of internal controls in preventing fraud and mismanagement. It highlights that a robust system of internal controls is essential for safeguarding an organization's assets and ensuring the integrity of its financial statements. The text suggests that these controls should be designed to minimize the risk of errors and to detect any irregularities as early as possible.

3. The third part of the text addresses the need for regular audits and reviews. It states that periodic audits are necessary to verify the accuracy of the records and to ensure that the internal controls are effectively implemented. The text also mentions that audits can provide valuable insights into areas where improvements can be made, helping organizations to enhance their overall financial health and operational efficiency.

PREFACE.

There have been many histories of the Battle of Lexington and of the Battle of Concord, some of them excellent to the extent of that part of the contest to which they were devoted. From time to time gifted orators have gone to the one town or to the other, and eloquently portrayed the heroic deeds of men within that town on the opening day of the American Revolution. No fault should be found with any of those, designed as a healthy stimulus to local pride, and to foster sentiments of national patriotism.

But the student in American local history needs a more extensive view of the operations of that day. He needs to be better informed as to the various scenes of carnage that were waged along all of those nearly twenty miles of highway. Men were slain in Lexington, and in Concord; but there were many others slain in Lincoln, in Arlington, in Cambridge, and in Somerville. Nor should we forget the youngest martyr of the day, but fourteen years of age, who fell in Charlestown.

For the purpose, then, of presenting to such as may be interested, I have assembled here the most comprehensive account that has ever been

offered, and one that aims to be a history of the entire day. I have endeavored to make it not only complete and interesting, but just and reliable, recognizing fully the rights of my own ancestors to rebel, and also recognizing the rights of the mother country to prevent such rebellion — even by an appeal to arms. Since those days we have grown to be a mother country ourselves, and have had reason, on more than one occasion, to exercise that accepted right of parental control.

This narrative is based upon official reports, sworn statements, diaries, letters, and narratives of participants and witnesses; upon accounts of local historians and national orators; and, in a few cases, upon tradition, if such seemed authentic and trustworthy.

But I am sorry to say, that in more than one instance, I have found even the sworn statements at variance with each other. I am satisfied that the authors did not intend to mislead in any way, but simply tried to tell to others what appeared to them. Their mental excitement naturally added a little of that vivid coloring noticeable in most war narratives of a personal nature. My work has been to harmonize and simplify these, and to extract simply the truth.

In 1775 the greater part of the present town of Arlington was a part of Cambridge, and known