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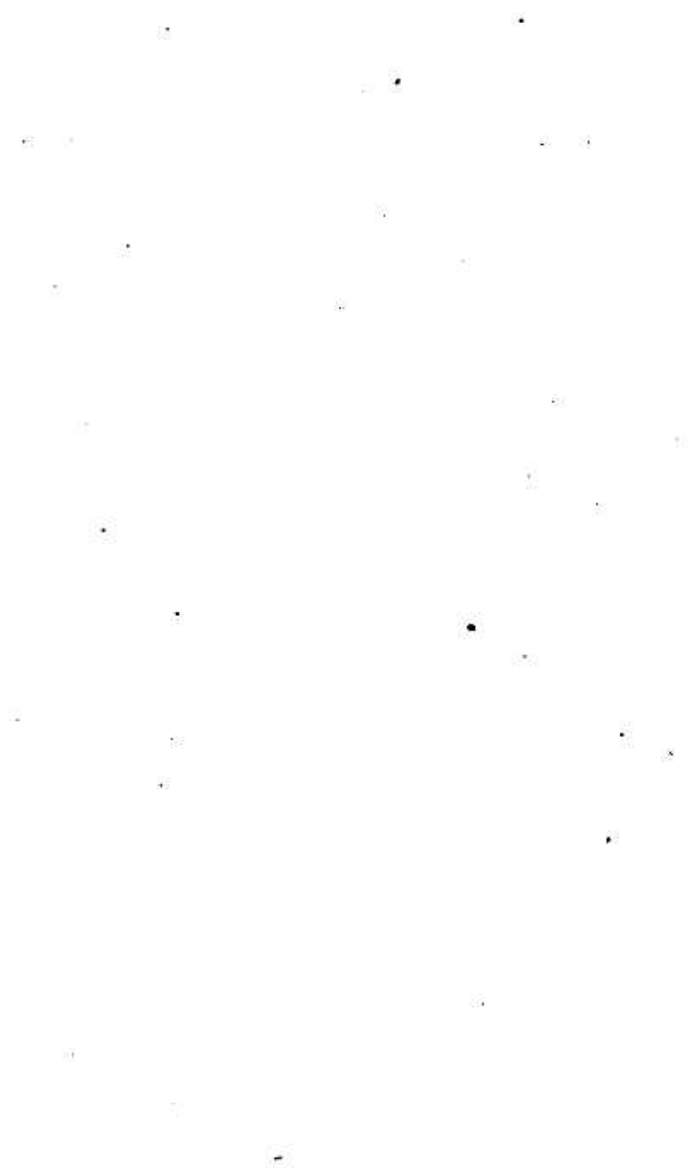
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THE LIFE OF GENERAL THOMAS PINCKNEY.

INTRODUCTION.

ANCESTRAL. 1692-1758.

THE Pinckneys are of English descent, sprung from a family widely scattered over England. The ancestor William Fitz Ansculf de Pinkeni, with his son William, were among "the twenty thousand thieves, who came over with William the Conqueror," as Emerson irreverently designates the roots of the British aristocracy. From the numerous manors granted to him in various English counties, I infer that the father was a doughty warrior, who struck some hard blows at the battle of Hastings. His descendants are found in the southern, midland, and northern counties, at the present day. In Salisbury and Peterborough cathedrals, and in Rushall Church in Somerset, their monuments can be traced back for many generations. Though holding extensive estates in many parts of England, their names are not prominent in political history. Robert de Pinkeni was one of the Barons who took up arms against King John, and thereby lost his estates, to his credit be it recorded. They were restored to him by Henry III. One, Baron de Pinckeney, was called to Par-