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THAT THEY MAY INCITE TO A
REVERENCE FOR THEIR VIRTUES,
AND AN
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PREFACE.

It is a remark of Dr. Johnson, that "no species of writing seems more worthy of cultivation than biography, since none can be more delightful or more useful. None more certainly enchains the heart by irresistible interest, or more widely diffuses instruction to every diversity of condition." In subscribing to the correctness of this sentiment of the great moralist, the editor of this work has prepared the memoirs with a special reference to the benefits which might be expected to result to the young, from narratives of individuals who have deservedly won the admiration, and secured the reverence of their fellow men. The moral portraits which he has drawn, may, it is hoped, present such features as will call for their close attention; whilst the account of their lives should beget a desire of imitation, in order to secure a like measure of merited renown. A feeling of state pride has also been attempted to be awakened; and among those jewels which he has here exhibited, there will be found many that the people of Pennsylvania will long treasure, as a portion of the legacy bequeathed to them by the great and good of their beloved commonwealth.

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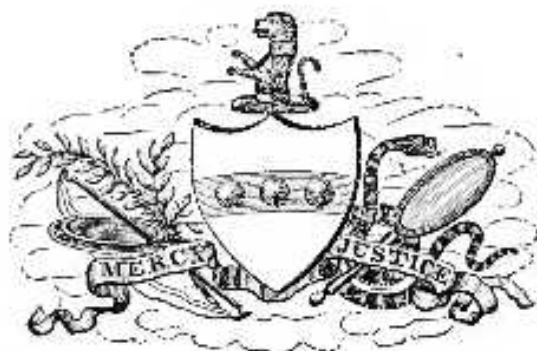
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The Penn Family Arms.

WILLIAM PENN.

Born A. D. MDCXLIV—Died A. D. MDCCXVIII.

IF the personal virtues of the illustrious subject of this memoir, and the Christian graces of his life, call for our admiration, the benevolent principles, upon which he founded a new Commonwealth, demand a tribute of commendation from every friend of humanity. Few men, who, by their public acts, have gained an enviable, and ever-during fame, and whose names are imperishably written on the page of history, have merited, more justly, the honour of the world; as few, who have supplied, in their characters, instances of moral purity, have more deservedly received the offerings of that world's reverence. Biography is as if hallowed, when it can record, in all the integrity of truth, instances of such devotion to the promptings of a sacred "spirit within;" of such unbending fortitude in afflictive trials; of an ever-expanding benevolence to the stranger; of mercy to the sufferer; and of exact justice to all.