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A PREFATORY NOTE.

To sketch the being and doing of a considerable people, occupying an extended territory, at a momentous period, and all within the compass of two hundred pages, is an undertaking of which too much will not be expected by the considerate reader. Such a sketch must necessarily confine itself to the surface of things, and then can only touch upon a few points that are prominent. For further particulars, inquiry must be made of other works, whose scope is broader and purpose deeper, a partial enumeration of which will be found at the end of the volume. I have here but filled a note-book with rough and scattered memoranda. My hope is that it may render some such humble service as that of the

country guide-board, directing those whose eye it catches into pleasant ways beyond.

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