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TO OUR READERS.

A principal object in collecting the materials arranged in this publication was to obtain information relative to our native town, by an inspection of its public records.

The interest created by their perusal determined us to embody their contents, with an intention of publishing the result of our researches, should that design be countenanced by a subscription sufficiently large to justify the experiment.

At the adjourned annual meeting of the present year, the question of publication was decided by a vote, granting one copy to each tax-payer in town.*

Every inhabitant will, in consequence, be enabled to peruse a summary account of the settlement and progress of their now flourishing location, amidst whose formerly dense forests their adventurous ancestors established their abodes, without the trouble of tracing particulars through the records one hundred and nine years.

To the inhabitants of Dunbarton, for whose consideration it is particularly intended, this Production is respectfully inscribed by their often

Obliged friend and

Most obedient servant,

THE AUTHOR.

* VOTE OF THE TOWN. *Voted*, That the selectmen appropriate a sufficient sum of money to procure for each tax-payer in town a copy of the History of Dunbarton, now being written by Caleb Stark.

A true copy—Attest:

CHARLES KIMBALL, *Town-Clerk*.

The foregoing is a copy of a vote passed March 17th, 1860, at a meeting of the inhabitants of Dunbarton.



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HISTORY OF DUNBARTON.

THE incidents attending the settlement and onward progress of an inland agricultural town, cannot be expected to interest others than its residents, or the descendants of its early proprietors, the "forefathers of the hamlet," whose honored graves are located amidst the scenes of their former toil.

Their indomitable resolution and life-enduring labors cleared away the wild forests, and destroyed or expelled their wilder occupants, the wily human savage, as also the ferocious animals that prowled at will amid their solitudes. They prepared the pleasant fields and pastures now adorning our hill-sides and valleys, for the peaceable enjoyment of their posterity.

The fortunate possessors of this fair domain, whose acquisition was attended by neither toil or danger, cannot too highly appreciate the noble sacrifices and cheerfully encountered perils of the stalwart pioneers who transmitted to them so goodly an heritage. They were truly, in the words of the Scottish bard,

"Types of a race that shall the invader scorn,
As rocks resist the billows round their shore;
Types of a race that shall to time unborn,
Their country leave unconquered, as of yore."

This location is noticed in Haywood's New-England Gazetteer as follows:

"DUNBARTON; MERRIMACK Co. This town lies nine miles south-west from Concord, and seven miles south-east from