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## INTRODUCTORY.

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My Recollections of General Lafayette's visit to this country in 1824 and '25, were narrated in the State House at Concord, N. H., at the request of the Historical Society. It was merely an extemporaneous affair, as I had nothing then written before me. I was requested to write out, at my leisure, my Recollections for publication, with such emendations and additions as the subject seemed to require. This, I have done; and the result will be found in the following pages. I have corresponded extensively and searched records, so as to give a connected Sketch of his eventful life, from his birth to the day of his death.

My object has been to snatch from oblivion and garner up the most remarkable events in the life of a most remarkable man, so that the present generation may be well informed of the true character of one of our most patriotic Major Generals in the American Revolution. Much interesting matter is here presented, never before published; a large portion of which was obtained from the General himself. On his visit here, it was my good fortune to become acquainted with him, and learn from his own lips, his opinion of men and things, and many remarkable incidents in his life. I was then, as now, a great admirer of his character; for I deem him to have



been one of the most brave, active and faultless men, of whom we have any account in ancient or modern history.

The preparation of this Sketch, has been a labor of love; and while I have entered into the spirit of the times, I have endeavored to be entirely correct; and believe its integrity cannot successfully be impeached; but that in all its essential particulars, it will stand the test of talents and of time.

In this Sketch, I have uniformly applied the title of **GENERAL**, to Lafayette, as he publicly renounced that of *Marquis*, at the time of the French revolution.

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In the Frontispiece will be found a steel engraving of General Lafayette. It was taken from a portrait painting of him in 1824, at the age of 67. It is a most perfect likeness. At the bottom is his autograph.

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