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OF THE

UPPER COUNTRY

OF

SOUTH CAROLINA,

Ancient Territory of South Carolina

FROM THE

EARLIEST PERIODS

TO THE

CLOSE OF THE WAR OF INDEPENDENCE.

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TO THE
PEOPLE OF UPPER CAROLINA,
AND THE
CITIZENS OF CHARLESTON,

INTIMATELY ASSOCIATED, AND CLOSELY UNITED BY TIES OF TRADE, AND OF
COMMON STRUGGLES, AND SUFFERINGS, FROM THE EARLIEST PERIODS
OF THEIR COTEMPORANEOUS HISTORY; AND NOW CONSTITU-
TING. AFTER THE LAPSE OF MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED
YEARS, THE NORTH AND SOUTH POLES
OF OUR POLITICAL MAGNET,
THIS WORK IS MOST RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED

BY
THE AUTHOR.



P R E F A C E .

A few words will be sufficient to introduce to an indulgent public my first effort of literary labor. Employed, as I have been, ever since leaving my Alma Mater, in the arduous business of instructing youth, I felt, with many others of like employment, the want of a popular, well-written School History of South Carolina; one whose perspicuity combined with that simplicity of style, and lively detail of personal and local history, so attractive to the young, would render it both useful and interesting to that important class of readers.

Having some leisure and inclination, without any boasted fitness for such an enterprise, I conceived the design of preparing a brief juvenile history, for the use of my own pupils, and of as many others as might be pleased to adopt it. A specimen of this work, accompanied by a beautiful map of Abbeville District, executed by Miss E. C. N., of my Senior Class, was exhibited at the State Agricultural Fair of 1857.

Unfortunately, however—myself being judge—for this conception of a school history, I had been, for several years previous, but with no very definite object, busy collecting, from various sources, original

matter relating to the unpublished and traditionary history of the upper-country ; and, unable to free myself from this fascinating crotchet, I was insensibly led by it to a stand-point, from which I was astonished to discover, stretching far back of any cultivated ground, a field rich in native historic lore yet unexplored, and wholly unknown beyond the circle of a privileged few.

The temptation to expatiate here, and cull all that is interesting, was too strong to be resisted ; and the humble design of a juvenile book has swollen to the proportions of an imposing volume of history. My aims and views enlarged with my increased labors and widened field, and I came, at last, to write for the pleasure and information of the people. From them, if it is meet, must come my reward ; and if I have written anything, or brought anything to light that will lead them to a better knowledge of the history of their fathers, and a juster appreciation of their noble institutions and State, the main object of my enterprise is accomplished.

It may be well to add that I wrote in the country, cut off, in great part, from the public and private libraries in which is deposited much information essential to the integrity of my work ; and a large portion of its composition was performed in the short daily recesses from labor in the Academy.

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