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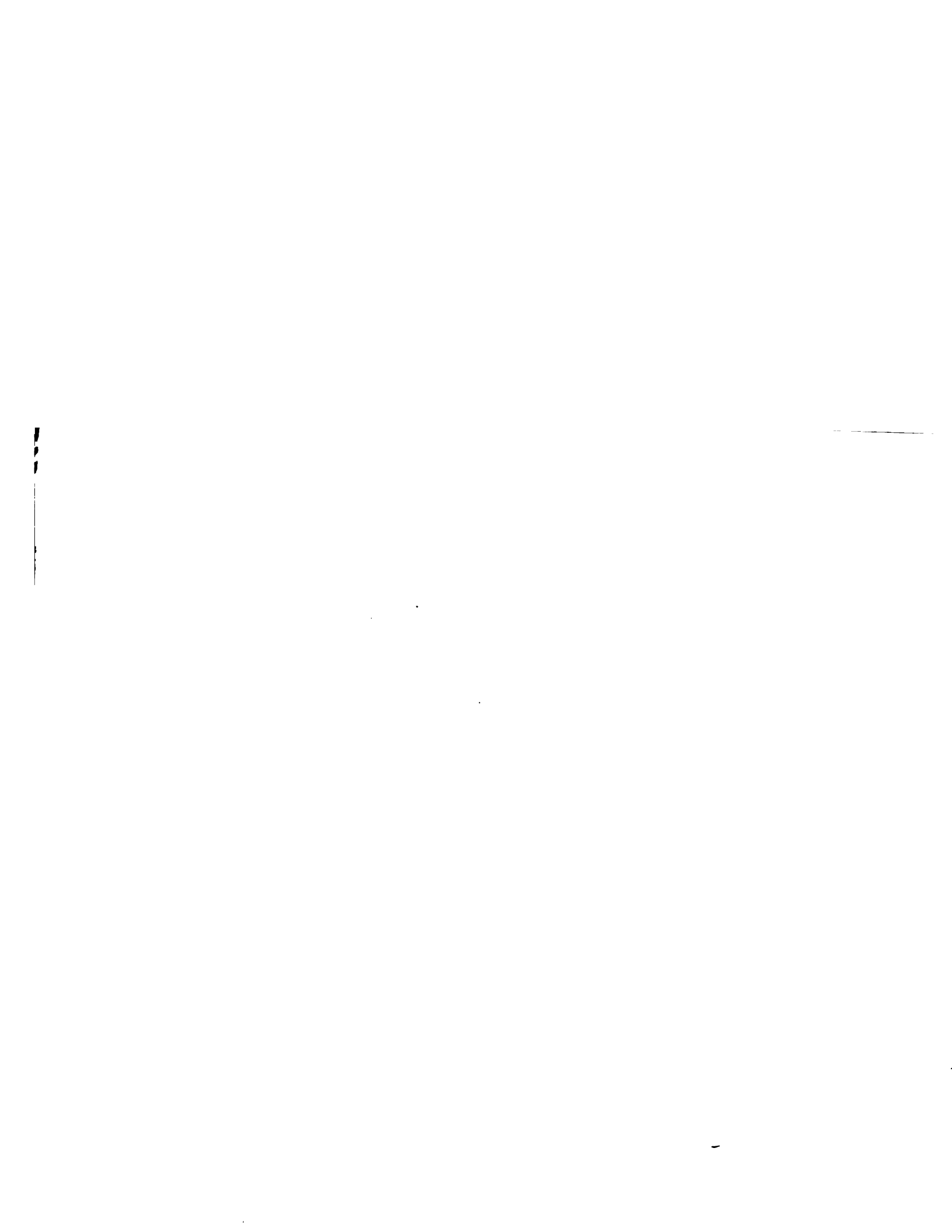
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PREFACE.

Of the three chapters in literary biography and criticism here brought together, the first was an incidental product of the researches which I made some years ago when working upon my "History of American Literature during the Colonial Time;" and while the subject of this monograph could hardly fail to throw a curious and a not unpleasing side-light upon the conditions and moods of intellectual life in America during the half-century just prior to the Revolution, it could not properly be included in the book in connection with which it was written. As it has never been in print, except in a form well-nigh inaccessible to the general reader, I hope I shall not offend him by now revising it, amending it, and giving it a place in this little book. I will not deny that I shall be very glad if, by seeking a larger publicity for my paper on Berkeley, I may succeed in extending somewhat the memory

and the appreciation of our great debt to one of the wisest, friendliest, and helpfulest of European visitors who ever touched on these shores.

The last two monographs here given were prepared for a work on which I have been for a considerable time engaged, and which is soon to be sent to the press,—“The Literary History of the American Revolution;” but as the chief activity of the two writers thus dealt with belongs to the period immediately after the Revolution, I have deemed it best to exclude them from that work. Without question, however, for our literary history during the first thirty or forty years of the independent republic, these two writers are representative men; and both for their own sakes, and for their obvious use in the interpretation of American thought and life in that period of national gestation, I have hoped that the monographs devoted to them might have some value even in this detached form.

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**GEORGE BERKELEY AND HIS AMERI-
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