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P R E F A C E.

THE Chief Justices of the United States, with a single exception, were prominently engaged in the leading events of our history as a nation. They participated actively in the scenes of the Revolution, and assisted to lay the foundations of our government. Necessarily, therefore, the narrative of their lives must comprehend a wide compass of political and historical information. We have endeavored, however, to intermingle no more of such matter than would serve to illustrate the character and services of the men whose lives we have written, and the times in which they acted.

In preparing the present volume for the press, we have received material assistance from various sources, which has lightened our labours, and contributed much to whatever is valuable in their result.

The life of Cushing, from his entire devotion to the duties belonging to his station in the judiciary, and his consequent withdrawal from politics, furnished but scanty materials for the purposes of biography. Much interesting information, however, which public documents could not supply, was courteously placed in our hands by Mr. Charles C. Paine, of Boston. To the venerable Dr. James Kendall, of Plymouth, Massachusetts, we are indebted for several interesting reminiscences, and to the Honorable Josiah Quincy, Sr.,

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