## PREFACE.

## GEORGE STANLEY

Was of Essex, Mass., in the latter part of the seventeenth century. He was a shipmaster, but resided in Essex, where he left an estate. His descendants spread through Northern New England, and are now found most abundantly in the western part of Maine. Prof. Richard C. Stanley, of Bates College, is of this family.

## JOHN WRIGHT STANLEY

Resided in Newbern, N. C., in 1780, where he was a merchant and an extensive owner of shipping. He married a daughter of Richard Coydell, so prominent in the early days of the Revolution, and had two sons, John and James G. John Stanley was a lawyer and member of Congress in 1801-3, and 1809-11, and had Edward, who was a Whig member of Congress in 1836-42; 1849-53; removed to San Francisco in 1853, where he was military Governor of the State, and died in 1875. A brother of his is Commodore Fabius Stanley, of the U. S. Navy. A large number of descendants of this family are found principally in the Southern States.