



Memorials of 1776 (Classic Reprint) (Paperback)

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Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Excerpt from Memorials of 1776 It has been well said of individuals, that there exists no stronger incentive to merit than the recollection of a long line of distinguished ancestry, revived, it may be, by a gallery of family portraits, or the preservation of family relics. The Chinese are believed always to devote a room to the perpetuation of all kinds of ancestral associations, while the English, thanks to their feudal system, still consolidate and transmit their family mementos and heirlooms. There always have been those who scoff at that species of pride derived from fair lineage; but such raillery, in the main, is but an effort to decry a too conscious deficiency, or used as a cloak to ape humility - a cloak that no more conceals the true sentiments than did the assumption of his rags by the great cynic, whose real pride was plainly seen to peep through the very rents in his garments. As with individual families, so it is with nations. We shall be told that the genius of our institutions is...



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