

## EXPLANATIONS.

The plan or arrangement of the following records is simple and easily understood. The column of figures on the left margin of the page is the general enumeration from the beginning to the end of the volume. The full-faced figures in the centre of the page over names, indicate the number of the individual in the general enumeration, where his name and parentage may be found. The fractional or superior figure at the end of, and above each name, thus—CHARLES<sup>6</sup>—denotes the generation to which the person belongs; except in cases of foot notes, which will be readily understood by the reader. If one knows to which branch he belongs he may open the book and trace down the line from Dea. Stephen, the old Revolutionary Patriot to himself. Or, finding his name, he may trace backward thus:—181, Barton B.,<sup>8</sup> son of 88, Helen R.,<sup>7</sup> daughter of 31, William H.,<sup>6</sup> son of 19, Samuel L.,<sup>5</sup> son of 12, William,<sup>4</sup> son of 10, Stephen,<sup>3</sup> son of 1, Thomas,<sup>2</sup> son of Thomas,<sup>1</sup> the original settler at Ipswich. If other methods fail, turn to the name in the Index. Believing that abbreviations disfigure a book, few have been used and these will generally be understood—as b., for born; m., for married, and d., for died.