

CHAPTER VIII.

WE have now arrived at that period in the history of the English Colonies in America when, by the natural operation of the principles brought to these shores by the refugees from political tyranny and religious persecution, a conflict was to take place between the ancient and then dominant dogma that kings and priests, or a select few, are *divinely* appointed to absolutely direct and govern the people, and the new idea which affirms the equality of all men before the law, the right of private judgment, and that all who are taxed to support government are entitled to a voice in its management.

It is gratifying to know that at this crisis the posterity of our emigrant ancestor did their part towards upholding and defending the principles for which he sacrificed so much.

Upon the muster-rolls of the soldiers of the Revolutionary War in the State archives are the names of ten of his descendants. Five enlisted for three years or during the war, three of whom, at least, died in the service; two others served in the militia from one to two years; the others served only as "alarm" or "minute" men. The five last named were a part of the militia only, and did not belong to the "Continental" or