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Mr. Drayton has had the management of the whole engraving department assigned him by the Committee of the Library, and has accomplished what very few believed could be done in this country. The distribution of the work among the engravers has given general satisfaction, not only to the Committee, but to the artists themselves, and has afforded a national encouragement to this description of art, the benefit of which it will long continue to feel.