

is no rule for spelling persons' names) and if a name is not spelt correctly when they are arranged alphabetically, the name thus erroneously spelt will be put in the wrong place, where a reader will not think of looking for it, and will conclude when he does not find it in its proper place, that it is not in the book; and the name of a public man is as liable to be omitted as that of an obscure one; when it is known that many names pronounced alike, are spelt quite differently, viz: Abot or Abbott, Aiken or Aitkin, Bayly, Bailey, Bear, Baer, Bauer, Cain, Kain, Carr, Kerr, Davis, Davies, Eagleston, Eggleston, Foster, Forster, German, Jerman, Hewes, Hughes, Isler, Iler, Johnson, Johnston, Cane, Cain, Lawrence, Laurence, Matchett, Machet, Neal, Neil, O'Laughlin, O'Laughlen, Pearce, Pierce, Quisick, Quisick, Riley, Reilly, Sanders, Saunders, Thompson, Tomsen, Uhler, Euler, Varden, Virden, Wulff, Wolf, Yeates, Yates, Ziegler, Sigler, X being the only letter that does not furnish names pronounced alike and spelt differently; in fact, almost every name used, will admit of a difference in Orthography.

Considering the magnitude of the undertaking, and placing all these considerations in view, who but will say, it is astonishing the work is so complete! And how silly or malignant it is to bore us with the vulgar objections common to such people.

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