

PREFACE.

In same manner as in the prefaces to my two first volumes, I had to notice, both the attempts at persecution and suppression, on one hand, to which my work had been subjected, and the unequivocal approbation and patronage bestowed upon it, on the other; so again, offering my thanks to an indulgent public for their continued support, I beg to congratulate them and myself upon the permanent circulation of the work, in defiance even of the *very wise* measure pursued at Quebec, a detail of which will be found in No. 84, in order to suppress the Scribbler, by causing it to be presented as a nuisance by the grand jury of the quarter-sessions. This, I trust, may be the last feeble attempt, the enemies to wholesome satire, and pungent truths, will make against me; as they must now be convinced of the futility of their opposition, and the stability of my undertaking. As to that species of opposition I have been honoured with from the pen of Tresilian, in the York, U. C. Weekly Register, (vide Nos. 93 to 96,) it is such that I court; and desire nothing better than to have opportunities afforded me of replying to all objections to, or criticisms upon, my writings, that may be made *in print*.

In this volume, I hope, my readers will perceive more variety of matter, and a wider range of miscellaneous literature, than in the preceding ones. Feeling the pulse of the public taste as I went along, it appeared that I might venture to mix a little more of instructive and moral ingredients in the bowl I presented to the increasing thirst for reading that began to prevail in Canada; and I flatter myself I have not been wholly un-