

PREFACE.

IT having been thought advisable to reprint, in a Pamphlet, the Communications made by me to the Printer of THE MONTREAL HERALD, I have, in consequence, to apologise to those who may now read them in connexion, for the frequency that occurs of what may be termed repetitions.

When I first took up the pen, it was for the purpose of introducing certain law opinions, in opposition to those published by the Earl of Selkirk, or by his order ; but being attacked, I was necessarily led into a wider range, by the misrepresentations and violence of his Lordship's advocates and supporters.

My Communications having been written at different periods of time, and without the then intention of re-publication together, it was material that the strong points against Lord Selkirk, viz. the want of legal foundation in his claims to colonial territory and commercial mo-