

on reading, one is astonished not to have known. Frequently they are things of the most ordinary nature which one forgets to learn. Every one is supposed to know them, but few take the trouble to study them thoroughly, until some unexpected incident convinces us of our ignorance.

We have altered scarcely anything in the text of the Report of the late Secretary of State, who, we are pleased to believe, will not be offended at our popularizing his work.

If we are rightly informed, this Report was highly praised by members of the British Parliament, before which it was laid by the Minister for the Colonies in the form of a *Return to an Address from the House of Commons*.

We have corrected some errors in the printing of the document and we have made some slight changes rendered necessary by legislation subsequent to the Report.

If, in some instances, we have altered the phraseology of the original, it was merely to facilitate the reading, by dividing into