

## PREFACE.

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“ It is the duty—the imperative duty—of every individual  
“ (however humble) to express conscientiously, but calmly,  
“ his public opinions, for by such means truth is elicited.”  
Hence it may be permitted to observe, that a momentous  
question is now brought to the notice of the people of Great  
Britain,—that it ought not to be neglected, until perhaps  
a voice from her colonial children may go forth proclaim-  
ing “ it is too late,”—for then the opportunity of uniting  
in firm and friendly bonds of union “ this wondrous empire  
“ on which the solar orb never sets” will have passed away  
for ever.

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“ That which we have, we prize not to the worth;  
“ But being lacked or lost,—why then we rate its value.”

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