PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION.

tainly been accomplished in the management of a people so opposite to ourselves both in religious and political feelings. The wise and beneficial measures which have been pursued towards the Canadians reflect the highest credit on the British Government. French as well as English, Catholics as well as Protestants, are all unanimous in defence of their country. Every man throughout the Canadas is a soldier; and not one of them but has cheerfully attended the call of arms. This interesting fact cannot but convey to the mind the most pleasing sensations; since we find a nation of ancient foes both in politics and religion now united in the strictest friendship, and vying with each other who shall display the greatest ardour in protecting that Government under which they have enjoyed so much happiness.

The character and manners of the Canadians, as well as the people of the United States, are even at this day but little understood by us; and the most vague notions and ideas are entertained both of the countries and their inhabi-

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