

P R E F A C E .

For the information of many who may read these pages, and especially for a better understanding of the subject to which the book relates, by those whose knowledge is limited in regard to this matter,—as very many are but partially acquainted with the course necessary to be pursued in the days of our forefathers, in “taking up land” as it was termed,—the writer has devoted an introductory chapter to copies of original manuscripts relating to this, which documents (or copies of which) have fallen in her way. Such parts are given as it was thought would be of general or special interest, those paragraphs which contain merely formal repetitions having been invariably omitted.

The first given of the documents referred to, is the “Warrant of Survey for the township of Stukely,” then the Return to that Warrant by the Surveyor-General, to which is added the “Certificate of the Surveyor-General of Woods.” Then follows a copy of the “Charter of the township of Shefford,” and finally a document in reference to the arrangement between Agent and Associate, which will fully explain itself.