

PREFACE TO THE EDITION OF 1857.

THE Philadelphia editions of this important work have had a wide circulation in the several States of the Union, proving how extensively the taste of the public is turned to the study of Arboriculture. The whole of the sheets of the last imprint were destroyed by a fire at the bindery, whither they had been sent for collation; but fortunately the original French copper-plates were in another building. This has enabled the new publishers to issue the work in a much improved style, and has allowed opportunity for additional notes and remarks. These might have been more extended; but it was thought best not to swell the work beyond a reasonable charge.

Issued as it is in connection with Nuttall's continuation, the whole forms a work of reference of unrivalled interest and beauty.

The period which has elapsed between the editions has taken from us the individuals to whom the public is indebted for the lucid descriptions here reprinted. F. André Michaux died in Paris in November, 1855. Dr. Samuel George Morton also paid the debt of nature on the 15th of May, 1851, aged fifty-two years, beloved and lamented by a large circle of friends. Thus pass away the admirers of nature's works: even

"Art, Glory, Freedom, fail; but
Nature still is fair."—BYRON.

J. J. S.

[NOTE.—When Michaux wrote, *Louisiana* included all the territory west of the Mississippi, excepting Texas and New Mexico and the territory west of the Rocky Mountains. This is so well known that it has not been thought necessary to alter the text in any instance where that State is mentioned.]