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I have of course dispensed with all reference to cases and decisions. It is possible, that by endeavouring to render what I have written, as concise as I could, I may have fallen into the opposite extreme, and omitted subjects, which at another time it may be thought expedient to insert. (Although, from the general arrangement of the work, I anticipated no difficulty in finding any subject required; yet as the profession have been so long accustomed to the use of an alphabetical index; I have with a wish to give every possible facility to reference, added an index, as full as the concise style of the work would admit. With these observations, I commit my performance to the attention of a liberal profession, and an enlightened public.

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