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THE following pages are intended to put the public in possession of the principal facts relative to the Timber Trade, with a view to its forming an unbiassed opinion upon a subject of much importance, which has already undergone the investigation of a committee of the House of Lords, and which is now under examination by a committee of the House of Commons.

Many years have elapsed since the doctrines of Adam Smith on Political Economy have been adopted by almost every writer on that most useful and interesting science; and among all these doctrines, none have met with fewer literary impugners than those in which he overthrows the opinions, that gave rise to the old commercial system of prohibitions, monopolies, and protecting duties. This system relies for its support on that most absurd proposition, that money, or rather gold and silver, constitute the sole wealth of a nation; that every