

The first of these tracts, entitled **A DISCUSSION**, arose from an occasion, which required, the subject should be well understood. The result of the inquiry was, during its progress, at several intervals, committed to paper, for the sake of precision, in an earnest pursuit after truth, and not with any view to publication. The manuscript was laid by for some years. An offer having been made to insert it in **MR. CHALMERS'S COLLECTION OF LAW OPINIONS**, the offer was accepted; and it is there printed, in the form of occasional minutes, precisely as it was originally written. It is now reprinted separately, the better to serve the purpose abovementioned.

The second of these tracts, **THE REPLY**, arose from a paper printed in Mr. Chalmers's Collection, under the title of a **RE-STATEMENT OF MR. CHALMERS'S OPINION**, being an argument on the other side of the question.

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