

PREFACE

TO THE SECOND EDITION.

THE favor shown this book by the press in England as well as America, and the increasing demand for it in both countries, induces the author to prepare another edition, containing corrections and important additions.

Two or three esteemed friends of the book, gentlemen of distinction, have expressed doubts of the correctness of the statement in the title-page. But the author finds no instance of the creation of a baronet of American birth for distinguished services prior to the Revolution. Many persons have been knighted and allowed the prefix to their names of *sir*, as Sir William Phipps, but no one entitled to the affix of *baronet* or *bart*. Some who were not natives may have received this honor in America, and others who were natives may have inherited it — and still others have been created baronets after leaving this country, but none of these invalidate the statement on the title-page.