

PREFACE TO THE AMERICAN EDITION.

IN this present year of grace the British Lion is gently purring in the centennial eyry of the American Eagle; thither also the Canadian Beaver, with a maple-leaf, the emblem of sweetness, in his mouth, has wended its way—a striking contrast to the deeds of one hundred years ago, when the followers of the quadrupeds were striving, teeth and claw, to send the lovers of the biped to that bourne from which no traveller returns.

The time seems therefore opportune for a member of the Beaver family to present to the worshippers of the mighty Eagle an edition of a little book touching upon the wrongs and the rights of those of the Republic, and from distant lands, who travel upon the 74,000 miles traversed by the iron horse, or the hundreds of thousands of leagues frequented by nags of mere mortal frame, on the American continent.

The following is a Canadian book, revised, enlarged, abridged (the watery element being omitted¹), and rendered more suitable to the palate

¹ Also the List of Cases.