

PREFACE TO THE SIXTH EDITION.

CONSIDERABLE changes have been effected since the Fifth Edition of this Work was published in 1879, particularly in the law relating to "Bankruptcy," "Bills of Sale," "Bills of Exchange," and "Married Women." The arrangement adopted in the last Edition appeared to be incapable of improvement, and only to admit of development. The nature of the right infringed has been taken as the basis of the arrangement. The first five chapters are general and preliminary. The first deals with the Nature of Torts generally. The second, which is a new chapter, treats of the Justification of Torts, indicating the five different ways in which a tort may be justified, viz., (1) by showing that the act was done in defence of person or property, (2) under legal authority, (3) by the leave and license of the plaintiff, (4) that it was the result of an inevitable accident, (5) that it was caused by the act of the plaintiff himself. The third chapter treats of the Discharge of Torts, or the different modes in which the responsibility of a wrong-doer can be determined. The fourth chapter is devoted to the different Remedies for Torts, as by "abatement," "distress *damage feasant*," or "action" (including injunction); while the fifth disposes of questions arising from the Status or Condition of the Wrong-doer, such as the liability of corporations, infants, married women, and lunatics, for their own torts; or that