

PREFACE

TO THE ENGLISH EDITION.



AS the security of our persons, our reputations, our properties, and our liberties, depends upon JURORS, it can never be unseasonable to inform or remind them of their duties. While they remain ignorant of the nature of their station, they cannot determine with propriety; while they feel not its importance, they will not conduct themselves with spirit. When questions, however, which relate to the welfare of the PEOPLE, are agitated in Courts of Justice, Instructions of this kind become of more than ordinary importance. Errors upon these occasions may be attended with fatal consequences, since powers will be introduced which may, in the end, overturn the Constitution.

BUT it is not upon the good intentions of Jurymen only that we must depend. If they should be prevented, either by fraud or