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since I began this fourth volume, two years ago, I have been necessarily a large part of the time travelling to and fro; and I have moved no less than five times within that period, and many of my reference books and papers became deranged and lost. Then, as to errors of the printer: the first two hundred pages of this volume were put through the press while I was residing in Ottawa, and no *proofs* were sent me. Of some of the more glaring of these mistakes I furnish an *errata*.

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