

PREFACE.

RTY, This work is designed for the information of those numerous generous hearted citizens of the United States, who so nobly and manfully avowed their sympathy for the oppressed Canadians, when contending against the mighty power of Great Britian, for their liberty and independence; but who from the little interest they took in the political affairs of Canada, previous to the out-break in December, 1837, are necessarily ignorant of the proportion that the Canadian grievances bear to those which urged on the American Revolution, and whether they were of the nature to warrant an appeal to arms. We feel convinced that the reader will find in perusing the following pages, that the Colonial grievances of 1776, however oppressive they might have been considered, bear no resemblance in magnitude or degree to those borne by the Canadians in 1837. Although this work does not embrace all the grievances, political and religious, which they endured, yet it exhibits enough to satisfy every candid and rational mind, that any further endurance on their part, would be impiety towards God—treason to themselves and entailing on their mouldering dust the maledictions of an enslaved posterity. They have proved unsuccessful in their first effort; but let not the friends of freedom despair; the contest only is suspended, not given up. The people are getting prepared; they will succeed as sure as the revolution of 76 succeeded. They have suf-