

immediately to view ; and the ablest pens in the profession, may find an ample field in showing the most easy method of restoring principles to their legitimate station, controlling, as they ever must, in science, the vague and dangerous innovations of loose and slovenly practice. That time will be necessary to accomplish this great and beneficial design, I am fully convinced, but I am also well assured, that this subject only requires to be commenced with judgment, moderation, and sound learning, to command the general support both of the profession and the public, to doubt which would be but a poor compliment indeed to the present age.

It would be too much to expect that these works should receive the immediate sanction of the legislature. They must be under the public scrutiny for some time, and their usefulness must be acknowledged, before this can be accomplished ; and should even this sanction be withheld, there is still left a hope, that works which have received the approbation of the profession, will at least become as good authority, as the reports of individuals, on which the country now depends for a knowledge of what is called its Common Law.

I indulge no other wish, than to see method given to the laws of my country, which are now in deplorable confusion ; and legislative sanction