

PREFACE.

THE first edition of this work, the principal design of which was for the information of the inhabitants of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, being found entirely inadequate to supply the extraordinary demand, I therefore consider it expedient, as well as interesting, to prepare a second edition, revised and improved; and proportionably enlarged, for the gratification and information of our more western neighbors; hoping it will meet a similar approbation from a people already acknowledged among the most enlightened and solicitous searchers after useful knowledge. Anticipating the perusal of this will be productive of great excitement, as it exposes to the world the rise and fall of a family whose principles were the most insidious and avaricious, and their designs the most infamous, that the mind can contemplate, and which invariable lead to a violation of the laws of God and man.