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Preface

THIS book is intended primarily "for the ease of the lay people" (see p. 31 thereof), otherwise known as "general" readers. Even the most precocious specialists come from that large class, and it is for the benefit of those intelligent persons (only) who desire or hope to desire a further acquaintance with "Law" that the references to reports of cases mentioned have been added. I believe that this is the only technicality for which I have to apologize; otherwise, except in quotations, there is, I hope, none. Consequently, law students—or any students—may, perhaps, find here a very first primer or friendly introduction to studies which they can easily make severer. Meanwhile, the writer has called in Literature's "artful aid" when he could.

He believes (as he did in the former edition, with the exception of one word,* which he now adopts from a benevolent *Law Quarterly Reviewer*) that "this is the only book in English which endeavours to describe in popular language for laymen the whole fabric of our legal *practice."

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