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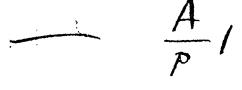
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### Preface to the Third Edition.

I LITTLE expected that the following letter. written and published without communication with any person whatever, and by a stranger to almost every proprietor of East India Stock, would be imputed to party considerations—to motives of party resentment towards certain individuals, and of party hostility towards the East India Company. I shall not attempt to remove such ungenerous impressions. is, however, my intention, in concurrence with many most respectable proprietors, to submit the dangerous proceedings exhibited in the following pages, to the consideration of a general court, I will take this opportunity of declaring, publicly, to every proprietor, andto those proprietors, in particular, who are, it seems, supposed capable of acting from party

views, that I desire no vote, and no support, but such as shall be dictated by a conscientious regard for the happiness and rights of our eastern subjects, and by an honest determination to oppose measures, involving the extinction, not only of the East India Company, but of the British Empire in India.

P. S. Sincerely desirous that the Proprietors should be put in possession of every argument that can be advanced in support of the opposite side of the important question which they will shortly be called upon to decide, I have, on that account, just perused, with entire satisfaction, the Rev. Mr. Owen's Answer to the following letter. Whether, therefore, Mr. Owen's observations shall remove or confirm the impressions which the following pages may have produced, I shall feel equally indebted to the exertions of the reverend Gentleman.