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"Better is a dry morsel and quietness therewith, than an house full  
of sacrifices with strife." Prov. xvii. 1.

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## PREFACE.

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THE writer's first intention was to publish merely a short statement of the new law of Divorce, for the use of those only who consulted him professionally, with the view, as far as possible, to obviate the necessity of entering upon discussions which not unfrequently are of a most delicate nature. But, finding the subject interesting, his observations were extended to a much greater length than he had proposed; and he now publishes them, feeling assured that a more important statute than the "Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Act of '57" never was passed by the Legislature; or one better calculated "to elevate the character, and promote, and secure, the morality and happiness of a people."



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