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TO
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ON
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BY
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"Cuiuslibet in sua arte credendum est."

LONDON:
HENRY SWEET, 3, CHANCERY LANE.

1857.

P R E F A C E.



I AM sure my friend Bull will take these Letters in the same friendly spirit in which they are written. We often wonder at one another simply for want of a like knowledge. The Surgeon's boy wondered why his master should condescend to have "SALVE" written on his door-mat. His master however merely intended a welcome to strangers. People who wonder at Lawyers, at what they do and at what they object to, sometimes merely want a little information. This I have endeavoured to supply in as plain and pleasant a manner as I could. I have tried to write pleasantly, wishing to be read,—and plainly, wishing to be understood.

J. W.

7, NEW SQUARE, LINCOLN'S INN,
23rd March, 1857.

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LAWYERS AND LAW REFORM.

LETTER I.

PROFESSIONAL REMUNERATION.

DEAR BULL,

To approach the subject of the law is, as you will no doubt agree with me, something like going to Town on a winter's morning by the Eastern Counties Railway. The country air feels fresh and crisp; you can see distinctly the Essex Hills; you breathe freely, and feel light of heart and joyous. But as you come near your journey's end, a sad change overspreads the scene. The distant objects look more and more dim, your field of vision is gradually circumscribed, the air becomes heavy, you plunge in fact into a dense fog; and the multitude of little lights that shine upon you from the shop windows, when you leave the