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PREFACE
TO THE SECOND EDITION.

A SECOND EDITION of this little work having been called for, it has been thought desirable to give somewhat more *in extenso* the Argument on the Theory of Foreign Trade contained in the Second Section, the subject being one which is attracting much attention.

June 11, 1850.

the same time, the fact that the number of people who are not in the labor force is increasing is a sign of a declining labor force participation rate. This is a sign of a declining labor force participation rate. This is a sign of a declining labor force participation rate.

P R E F A C E.

IT was scarcely to be expected that the Great Fallacy, which not long since received its death-blow so far as the British Empire is concerned, should be allowed to rest quietly in its grave. Attempts have from time to time been made to revivify the illustrious defunct; and (if report says true) some slight sign of returning consciousness—some faint convulsive movement of the inanimate frame—has been the result of the treatment applied to it by the Author of *Sophisms of Free Trade and Popular Political Economy Examined*.

It is not intended to follow the Barrister into those devious paths—those collateral disquisitions, wherein he so liberally luxu-