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P R E F A C E.

THE difficulties I have had to surmount in obtaining the information given in the following pages have been very great. The long time my father resided in France and in India separated him from his relations, and this separation was increased by his resentment at their conduct towards his first wife, Henriette de Beaurepaire. My father was naturally reticent on such matters, and probably we should have remained in ignorance had not the brothers of Henriette de Beaurepaire obtained my father's address by advertising for him in the *Times* on November 30, 1850, in order that they might give him their sister's share of some property. In return they requested him to give them some account of all that had happened to her. This my father did, and afterwards he continued to write his reminiscences from time to time. On my father's death in 1858 these incomplete papers and other documents came into my hands, and from that time till now, so far as my many serious duties permitted, I have been

endeavouring to collect additional facts relating to my father and our family.

I have now obtained all the information I can expect to receive, and as one by one my informants have passed away, it has been a satisfaction to me to feel that I have at least succeeded in rescuing and compiling a family record which might easily have been lost, and which will be valued by our descendants in time to come.

Latterly, however, some members of our family who have had access to my manuscript have represented to me that these records are of too great interest to be withheld from those now living, and that the risk of mishap ought to be guarded against by having them printed for private circulation. After some consideration I have yielded to their wishes, and I can only hope that the value of the facts recorded may outweigh the faults of my work, of which I am but too conscious.

I desire to acknowledge the kind assistance I have received from the Hon. and Rev. Canon Augustus F. Phipps, and from Colonel Aliister Champion Toker, C.B., both of whom have given me documents of the greatest possible use for my purposes. I have also to thank Mr. Cordy Jeaffreson, author of 'A Young Squire of the Seventeenth Century,' a work which helped me considerably, for his introductions to Mr. N. Darnell Davis, Comptroller of Customs at George Town, Demerara,

British Guiana, and especially to the Hon. James Probyn Berridge, of St. Kitts, by whose valuable aid I have been enabled to complete the links in our pedigree table, which for a long time it seemed impossible to recover.

I must, in conclusion, express my sincere thanks to my friends, the Messrs. Bentley, for the kindness with which they have assisted me in bringing out this book in the form in which it appears.

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CHAPTER I.

WE are descended from a branch of the Phipps family, who settled at St. Kitts, in the West Indies, at the end of the seventeenth century. Very little really trustworthy information exists as to our ancestors before that time. It appears, however, that the first of whom we know anything is said to have been a Colonel William Phipps, a yeoman of Lincolnshire, who raised a regiment of horse for the service of King Charles. He had two sons, one named Francis, who settled and died at Reading, 1668, from whom both we and the Mulgrave family are descended; and another, whose name we do not know, but he derives importance from the fact that his son William invented the diving-bell in 1683, and was knighted for it.