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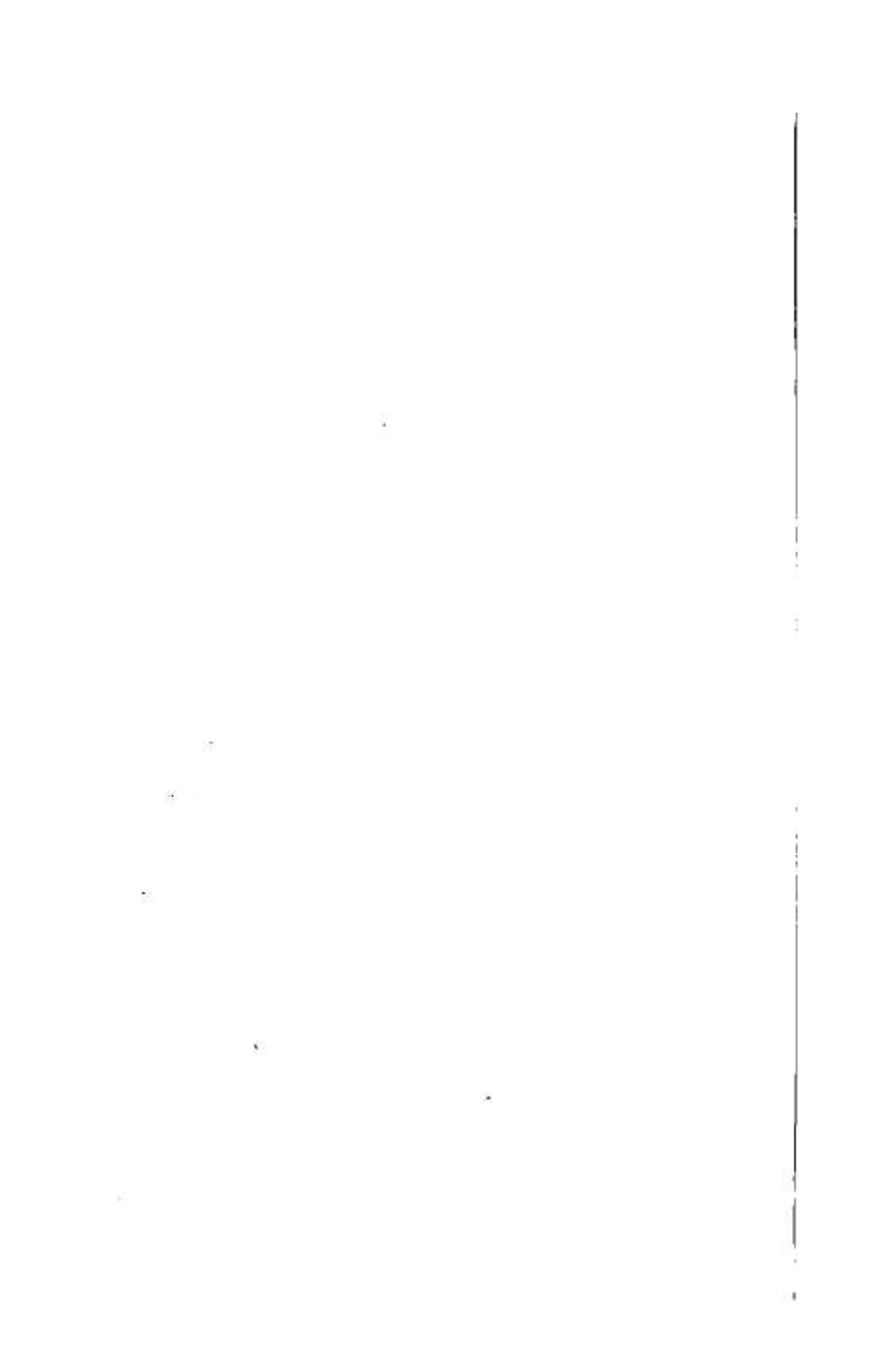


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PREFACE.

I HAVE not entered in the following pages, nor do I intend to enter here, into a discussion of either the political or the constitutional merits of "The Representation of the People Act, 1867." That Act, so far at least as it makes provision for an extension of the franchise, and for various alterations in the law necessarily incident to such an extension, cannot be regarded in any other light than that of an experimental measure. I have, therefore, preferred rather to leave its results and its effects to be proved by experience, than to make any attempt to anticipate them by speculative commentary. My endeavour throughout the preparation of this edition of the Act has been to render it practically useful, not only to those persons who may be officially concerned in carrying its provisions into effect, but also to the members of the legal profession and to the public generally. The Act throws open the franchise, on certain conditions, to many hundred thousands of persons, and as all the personal disqualifications for voting which existed before its passing will apply to the persons to whom the franchise has been thus extended, the subject of legal incapacities to vote has been treated at considerable length. The manner of ascertaining the value of the qualifying premises in different cases, of claiming to vote in