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TO THE READER.

THE American people are a Christian nation; and, like all other nations, having any reasonable pretensions to civilization, they have had from the first an *organic law*. Without an *organic law*, or constitution, they would not be a nation, in any other sense than that in which we call our Indian tribes nations. Our first political organic law, which made us a nation was the Declaration of '76. This soon yielded to the ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION; and this again to the CONSTITUTION, our present organic law. The first two are defunct as to their form: they are no formal part of our Constitution, whilst their moral substance is perpetuated in the grand bond of our NATIONAL UNION. But above and beyond all these, the people who made this nation always recognized the moral law of God as summarily contained in the TEN COMMANDMENTS, and as spread out in "the Scriptures of Truth," as the grand basis of our entire national organization. Our Common Law is all found, as to its pure moral elements, in the Bible. Among these pure moral elements stands conspicuous the FOURTH COMMANDMENT. Strike down this, and our Christianity goes with it. Destroy the Lord's Day, and its indispensable accompaniments, and you sweep away the foundations of the

Republic. For a free government without the representative principle is an impossibility. Without the virtue, which the Sabbath only can secure and promote, a democratic republic, of any considerable extent, never existed and never can. Hence the frequent assaults upon the Sabbath. Six years ago all classes of irreligion, deism, atheism, etc., conspired to overturn our Sabbath laws. Now another attack is in progress, with this avowed purpose.

Penn's Great Law—the first ever established in his Province, was passed December 12, 1682, see Chap. xiv. of this work; its principle was renewed in 1700, in 1705, in 1794, in 1845, and is now the law which this combination of hostile interests is endeavouring to destroy. Hence this little work.

I have arranged the matter for practical use: yet not going into much detail as to minor objections; giving *principles* rather, which the reader must apply in refutation of objections.

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