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PREFACE TO SUPPLEMENT.

THREE Chapters, on the Transfer of Ownership, on Security, and on Succession, have been written since the publication of the second edition of the Elements of Law. In the present form they are available to those who already possess copies of either edition of that work, and will render their copies so far complete.

In the Chapter on Security I have given a sketch of the Roman law, and for this purpose have translated and abridged the twenty-second and twenty-third chapters of Professor Kuntze's *Cursus des Römischen Rechts*¹. It is certainly a matter of surprise to me that English lawyers should still rely so much on French sources for their information as to Roman law. I do not wish to detract in any way from the reputation of French lawyers; but it is not rational to ignore the vast results of the learning and research which have been brought to this subject by German scholars of the last fifty years. I most earnestly recommend students of English law who desire to become acquainted with the principles of Roman law to turn towards Germany some of the attention which they have hitherto been accustomed to turn almost exclusively to France.

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¹ *Cursus des Römischen Rechts, Lehrbuch für den Academischen Gebrauch*, von Dr. Johannes Emil Kuntze, Professor der Rechtswissenschaften an der Universität Leipzig.

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