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THE SECOND EDITION.

SEVERAL additions to and alterations in this work have been made in the revision of it for a second edition.

The principal additions are as follows: The additions narrative has been extended to 1885, and includes work. the budget of that year. The history has been amplified under the heading of 'Tobacco' and one or two other headings. And several new Appendices have been added to Vol. II. In the first of these, Appendix No. 1, a short history is given of the net receipt from the business of the Post Office, at present a considerable source of revenue. In the next, No. 2, an Appendix of some length and importance, information, which it is hoped may prove to be useful, is added regarding the National Expenditure in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, upon the following plan: a General Tabular Statement of Expenditure and Revenue at certain specified dates is given, in which the Expenditure is ranged under the three heads of-Interest on the National Debt, Expenditure for the Army and Navy (Peace Establishment), and Expenditure for the Civil List and Civil Government, and the Revenue includes receipts from the business of the Post Office as well as receipts from taxes; and this is followed by a history of the National Debt and the Expenditure under the heads above mentioned, in a more readable form, it may be, than that of Blue Books. A third Appendix, No. 3, contains a brief statement regarding the cost of the Collection and Management of the Revenue from taxes; while No. 4 is a Memorandum or Note of the mode in which taxes are granted.

Alterations in the work.

As regards the alterations in the work, many of them are due to suggestions for amendment contained in the criticisms in the various reviews of the work that have been published, from which the author has derived valuable assistance to which he bears willing testimony. The principal alterations are as follows: With a view to facilitate the course of the reader, much has been done by way of re-arrangement, and several résumés or abstracts of chapters, summaries of periods, lists of taxes, tabular statements, and other contrivances of the kind have been introduced. Alterations have been made with a view to avoid the repetition of phrases and quotations in different parts of the work. And, lastly, for greater convenience of reference, two indices, one for the History of Taxation in Vols. I. and II., and the other for the History of Taxes in Vols. III. and IV., have been substituted in lieu of a separate index to every volume: the completeness of the new indices is due to the interest in the subject taken, fortunately for