

of verbal errors and omissions. The list of errata will point them out, and the reader will gratify the editor, while he consults his own convenience, in correcting them with the pen.

It remains to say how far I consider this as a *full* account of the practice of the land office. I shall not pretend that some particular subjects could not have been examined more critically, or that many things may not have been overlooked. I shall acknowledge that, in the progress of this compilation, I have frequently written under an impression that there might hereafter be found occasion to resume the subject, in a supplementary volume, the principal objects of which would necessarily be to correct any errors, and supply any omissions, that may be discovered in the present book; to adduce further examples and authorities; to illustrate particular principles, and to present any improvements, or changes, that the system may receive from legislative, or other, authority. I have made no reserve however for this purpose, but have intended to give a full and perfect account of every thing that came within my knowledge, and have in no instance either advanced or suppressed any thing on the consideration of *its effect upon the land office*. In particular I persuade myself that it will appear on the face of this work, that I have not had in view the *disturbing of possessions*, by displaying those facilities and contrivances which some individuals of the community might be inclined to embrace, to the annoyance and danger of LAND-HOLDERS. It is for the convenience and benefit of this respectable class of citizens, and not for their detriment, that these enquiries have been intended. The performance may be feeble, but the design was fair and has been prosecuted with fidelity and honour. With these remarks, I submit the result of my labour to the candid judgment of the public.