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PREFACE

TO THE

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SOME who do not agree with the general views of National Economy here submitted to their better judgment, may yet perhaps coincide with much that is said on the following subjects :—"The Cases proper for government interference,"—"Colonies,"—"Capital,"—"The effect of government expenditure,"—"Ireland,"—"The Currency,"—"The Theory of Population,"—"The Theory of Rent,"—"Pauperism,"—"The National Debt,"—"Absenteeism,"—"The Wages of Labour, and Strikes,"—"Emigration and Colonization,"—"The practical means of more widely diffusing the ownership of land among the people,"—and "Joint Stock Companies." If, in the judgment of such candid readers, the writer has any where been betrayed into too strong language against the recent revolution in the agricultural, colonial, commercial, and maritime policy of this Great Empire, he craves all just allowances for a humble, but deep and earnest conviction, however mistaken. Any aspersions on the motives of the authors of that momentous change would be unjust, and none