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Quum ingressus fueris terram quam Dominus Deus tuus dabit tibi et possederis eam, habitaverisque in illâ, et dixeris; Constituam super me Regem, sicut habent omnes per circuitum nationes; eum constitues quem Dominus Deus tuus elegerit de numero fratrum tuorum. Non poteris alterius gentis hominem Regem facere, qui non sit frater tuus.—DEUT. xvii. 14, 15.

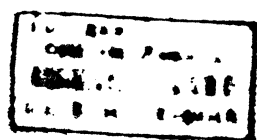
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## PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION.

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IN preparing this second English edition of my third volume I have gone minutely through every line, and corrected or improved whatever seemed to need correction or improvement. As in revising the earlier volumes, I have found it convenient to throw some parts both of the text and the notes into the shape of Appendices. The two chief points as to which there is any substantial change from the first edition are the marriage of Harold and his death. I have now assigned his marriage with Ealdgyth to a date after his coronation, a point about which I before was doubtful; and I have changed my account of his death, in consequence of some criticisms of Mr. Planché, which ought however to have fallen upon myself and not upon Guy of Amiens. I have also added a separate Index to the present edition of this volume. The general Index to the whole work, adapted to the first edition, will accompany the fifth volume. The progress of that volume, consisting as it does less of narrative than of inquiries and discussions often bearing on minute