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THE following sheets, written principally with the view of introducing a general uniformity in the proceedings of deputy commissaries, and of assisting executors and administrators in the performance of their duties, are submitted to the candour of the public. I flatter myself they contain informations which may be serviceable to many, and that such as do not need my instructions, will not censure my endeavours to assist those who do.

In my office of register, which I have executed for near ten years with application and diligence, I hope, I may be permitted to say, that I have gained some knowledge of the business I have undertaken to explain, and it is upon this experience I have adventured to appear in print. There are very few persons, who are not in some respect concerned in the management of the estates of deceased persons, as creditors, executors, administrators, legatees, relations, or in what they have to leave, as well as to claim, and I may presume to observe, that very few have not frequent occasion for advice in these concerns, and therefore my undertaking cannot but be extensively useful, unless the execution of it be extremely defective.

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