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TO THE THIRD EDITION.

This edition of Mr. Smith's excellent treatise on Mercantile Law will be found to differ materially, and it is hoped for the better, from the last. The present Editor has carefully revised all the notes originally prepared by him, constituting much the larger portion of the American additions to the work. He has not taken as large a liberty with the contributions of Judge Gholson, but has appended to them a statement of the most important points which have been since adjudicated on their subjects, by the English and American courts. He has endeavored so to select, arrange and condense from the mass of learning before him, as to compress within the limits of this volume the most important expositions of commercial law by the American courts. With what success the task has been accomplished, he submits to the judgment of the profession.

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