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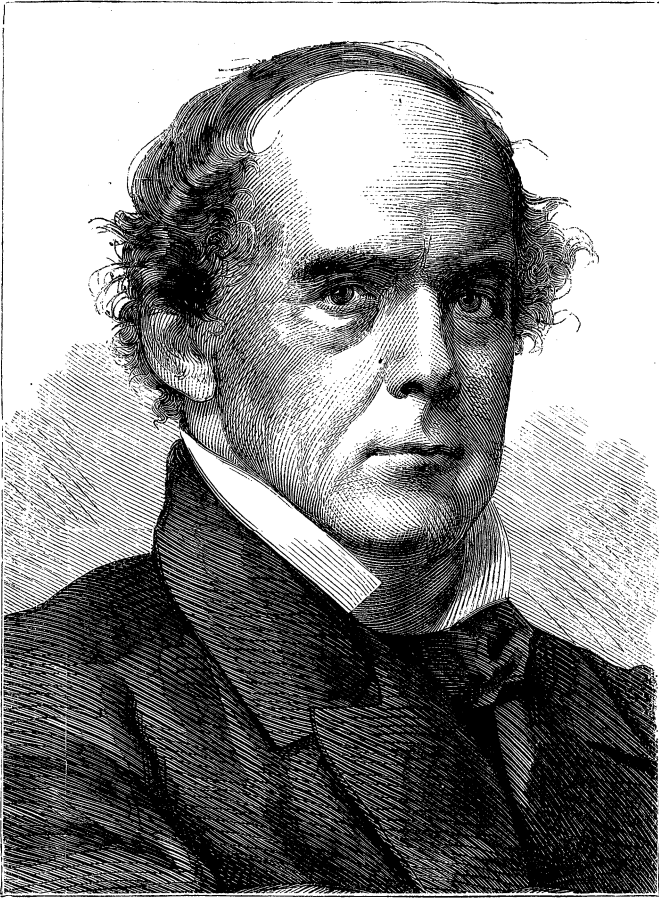
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“WELL planned and well written, the story of the Great Seal would be a rare story,” says John Cordy Jeaffreson in his delightful “Book about Lawyers.” Thoroughly collected and well arranged, thought I, the anecdotes of the Bench and Bar would make a popular book, not only with lawyers but the general reader; and this volume is the result of that idea. The field was a much wider one than I supposed when I began the work of collection, but it has been faithfully gleaned; and while some may have been overlooked which were well worthy of preservation, I trust that the best specimens of legal wit, humor, and incidents have been gathered in the following pages.

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