

P R E F A C E .

WE offer to the profession and the public an additional Supplement to the Code. The Acts of Assembly of 1868 are here arranged on the plan adopted in the Supplement 1861-67. As this arrangement has received the approval of the Bar, it has not been deemed advisable to change it.

Of this mode of condensing the statute law, Sir Edward Coke, long ago appositely wrote: "To make one plain and perspicuous law divided into articles, so as every subject may know what acts be in force and what repealed, either by particular or general words, in part or in the whole, or what branches and parts abridged, what enlarged, what expounded, so as each man may clearly know what and how much is of them in force and how to obey them, it were a necessary work and worthy of singular commendation."

Inasmuch as the provision of the Constitution, (Art. 2, sec. 17 and Art. 3, sec. 30,) that every bill which shall have passed the House and Senate shall, before it becomes a law, be presented to the Governor for his approval, is to be read with sec 31 of Art. 3, that no law passed by the General Assembly shall take effect until the first day of June next after the session at which it may have been passed, unless it be otherwise expressly declared therein, the date of the Governor's approval and the time that each law went into force, are both noted

The Appendix containing a summary of Charters and other important acts, of a local or private nature, not intended to be incorporated into the Code, will be found useful as a means of reference to the official volume of the Acts of Assembly.

A general index to the contents of the Supplement is given at the end of the book.

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