



PREFACE.

In 1903 I published a codification of the Public General Laws of Maryland covering the whole body of our General Statute Law down to the Acts passed at the Session of 1902, inclusive.

Some few of the copies of this Code were distributed, but the great bulk of the edition was destroyed in the Baltimore fire of February, 1904.

The need of a new Code being seriously felt, by reason of the many and great changes made in our Public General Laws since the publication in 1888 of the Code of that year which went into effect in January, 1889, the General Assembly at the Session of 1904 passed an Act (chapter 72) legalizing the Code published by me in 1903 and making it evidence of the Public General Laws of the State contained in the then existing Code and of the Public General Laws enacted subsequent thereto, with the proviso that before it be published the Public General Laws enacted by the General Assembly of 1904 be incorporated therein.

Under the authority thus conferred, the present work has been prepared.

In its compilation I have followed the general alphabetical plan and arrangement with which for more than forty years we have been familiar, retaining all the ARTICLES found in the Code of 1888 as therein entitled and numbered ; and thus, with the exceptions of the five new subjects "Immigration," "Public Accountant," "Public Works—Board of," "State Aid and Charities," and "Weather Service," all of the legislation contained in the several articles of the Code of 1888, together with all the legislation enacted from 1890 to 1904, both inclusive, capable of being embodied in those articles, has been given a proper place in some one of the articles as they stand in our present Code.