

## P R E F A C E .

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THE importance to the legal profession of the State, of the Decisions in the High Court of Chancery, made by the present able and distinguished Chancellor, has induced the undertaking of this work.

The design is, to publish, in consecutive volumes, all the more important cases decided since the 21st of December, 1846, (the date of the appointment of the present Chancellor,) until the time, when, by virtue of the provisions of the New Constitution, this Court shall cease to exercise its functions. The cases embraced in the present volume, were originally reported for, and printed in, "The Maryland Free Press," a newspaper published at Annapolis. They have been arranged and revised by the Chancellor; and notes have been carefully prepared to each, with a more *full and complete index* to the volume than has yet been made to any of the Maryland Reports.

During its preparation for the press, the work has been submitted to the supervision of the Chancellor, by whom the whole has been examined and approved.