

PREFACE.

The Annotated Code of Maryland, the third Volume of which is now submitted, was legalized and made evidence of the law by the Act of 1914, Chapter 16. The plan and scope of the whole work are presented in the preface contained in Volume I, which together with Volume II, was published in 1911.

Volume III includes:

1. The Declaration of Rights and Constitution of Maryland, annotated;
2. Article 27, "Crimes and Punishments," of the Public General Laws, annotated;
3. The Acts of Assembly of 1912 and 1914;
4. Annotations of the entire public general statute law of Maryland from the point where the Annotations in Volumes I and II of the Annotated Code end, down to date.

1. The Declaration of Rights and the Constitution of Maryland are annotated with all Maryland, United States and Federal cases construing or referring to them down to, and inclusive of, 121 Maryland, 230 United States and 206 Federal Reports.

2. The reason for the omission of Article 27, "Crimes and Punishments," from the first two volumes of the Annotated Code is explained in the Preface in Volume I. The new Criminal Code there referred to, and which it was then understood would be promptly published, did not materialize, and it is primarily to this circumstance that this volume owes its being. Taking Article 27 as contained in the Code of 1904 as a basis, the editor has codified all amendments to that article contained in the Acts of 1906 to 1914, inclusive, and has annotated the statutes as thus codified by reference to all Maryland, United States and Federal cases construing or referring thereto, down to, and inclusive of, 121 Maryland, 230 United States and 206 Federal Reports.

3. The public general Acts of 1912 and of 1914 have been codified and arranged in articles and sections, no change being made in the numbering of the articles, nor of the sections, save as to Article 27, where it could not be avoided. New sections are lettered; that is to say, if new sections are directed (by the Legislature) to be placed after Section 1, they are numbered 1A, 1B, etc. Only statutes adopted or amended by the Legislatures of 1912 or 1914 (save as to Article 27) appear in this volume; hence if a section is not found herein, it stands now as it appears in Volume I or II of the Annotated Code. Statutes contained in Volumes I or II, but repealed in 1912 or 1914, appear