

PREFACE.

THE object of the present work is to present such a view of the Public General Laws of the State, as will enable the practitioner and student to ascertain with certainty, and little labor, the alterations and additions made since the adoption of the Code of 1860; and the articles and sections of the Code and supplements, including the acts of the General Assemblies of 1872 and 1874, now in force; together with the decisions of the Court of Appeals, construing the same, included in the reports from 21st to 41st Maryland, both inclusive.

The work has been divided into two parts. In the first part, under their appropriate heads, are noted all the additions, alterations and amendments, with the articles and sections repealed since the adoption of the Code in 1860, to, and including the acts of the General Assembly of 1874; with references to such parts of the Public Local Laws as are connected therewith. In the second part, similarly arranged, are presented the articles and sections of the Code of 1860, together with the additions and amendments made by subsequent enactments of the Legislature, *and in force* at the date of the present publication; with references to the decisions of the Court of Appeals, construing the articles and sections of the Code and supplements, and acts of Assembly previous thereto; together with the acts of 1872 and 1874, as found in the volumes of reports above referred to. The appendix contains references to the decisions included in the same volumes, construing the public local and private laws.