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The new Rules, Forms, and Table of Fees for the Maritime Court, which came into operation 1st May 1889, supersede the Rules of 1878'9, and effect almost an entire change in the practice and procedure of the Court; a change which must meet with the approval of suitors, and of the legal profession generally, based as it is, to a large extent, upon the Vice Admiralty Courts Rules, 1883, and the Rules of the Supreme Court of ~~Judicature~~ ^{Judicature}, with such other modifications of the former practice as the eleven years, during which the Maritime Jurisdiction Act has been in operation, may have shown to be expedient.

The reported decisions upon the Act are, as yet, not numerous; but those that are reported, have been arranged alphabetically, with heads of subjects, and are inserted for purposes of reference. No attempt is made toward a general treatise on Admiralty or Maritime Law; that would have been much beyond the scope of the present work; and only such parts of the Statutory Law have been introduced, as are more immediately connected with the Rules, and more frequently referred to in practice. Pleadings and other Forms in common use have been appended, and the whole has been carefully indexed.

The authors entertain the hope, that practitioners, by using the present compilation, will find their labours in this comparatively new field, very greatly facilitated.

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