

not be disturbed by the perpetual display of names and figures intermingled with the text; the work will have the appearance of other books of science; and the profession will become accustomed to see, and to acknowledge plain and incontrovertible principles and rules, without an eternal reference to books, which have no other value, than that they *first* recorded that which, after all, must be referred to the reason and sense of man. These tables, ~~when~~ ^{if} the work shall ~~have~~ ^{ever} received the sanction of Parliament, will of course be laid aside.

My earnest desire is, to render whatever you do, as *practically* useful as possible; your labours, therefore, must be constantly governed by this consideration, without which, you can never hope to merit the attention of a sensible and reflecting people. You may, with this view, introduce a clear and concise statement of the points of cases, which will recommend your little work to many, whose minds are unaccustomed to contemplate the law as a science.

Sir William Jones, in speaking of the beautiful outline of Blackstone, says, "If, indeed, all the titles which he professed only to sketch in elementary discourses, were filled up with exactness and perspicuity, Englishmen might hope at length, to possess a *digest of their laws*, which would leave but little room for controversy, except in cases