

PREFACE.

THE House of Assembly in the first Session in 1835, addressed the Lieutenant Governor, praying that he would be pleased to order a revision of the Laws of the Province, with a suitable Index, to be prepared; after the close of the Session I was honored by His Excellency's commands to carry into effect the wishes of the Assembly, and immediately proceeded with my task; during the year the publication proceeded as far as page 416; after the Session of 1836 I made such corrections in that part of the work which still remained unprinted as the Acts of the Session rendered necessary, and the printing was completed in that year. In the following winter a disastrous fire occurred in Saint John, and the whole edition except about 200 copies, the property of the printer, was consumed in the warehouse of the binder. Upon that occasion I submitted to the House of Assembly and to the Lieutenant Governor the propriety of directing the revision to be completed to the end of the Session of 1837, but in pursuance of the Address of the House, a reprint of the edition which had been consumed was ordered, and the body of the work was accordingly reprinted by Mr. Simpson in Great Britain; the Titles, Index and Appendixes were subsequently printed in Fredericton; the work therefore stands revised from the commencement as far as page 416 to the end of the Session of 1835, and the remainder of the work to the end of the Session of 1836. As many of the Acts have been repealed or altered since the publication of them, I have added a table which will enable the reader to correct the volume to the present time. My instructions directed me in preparing the revision to act under the direction of His Honor the Chief Justice; it is proper that I should acknowledge the great assistance and kind attention I received from His Honor, not only in directing the general form and manner of the work, but on every occasion of difficulty or doubt when I found it necessary to refer to him during its progress.

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