

NOTICE

THE Laws of the Customs, in force in this Province, being dispersed throughout many cumbrous and expensive volumes, very difficult of access to the greater number of the officers and persons who are daily called upon to obey or to enforce them, and being, when obtained, without note or comment to show what portions are in force or applicable and what are not, or the effect of the more recent statutes on those of earlier date, His Excellency the Governor-General has been pleased to direct the present work to be published under my superintendance.

It has been prepared chiefly for the use of the Officers of the Provincial Customs, and to accompany the Instructions which it has been His Excellency's pleasure that I should frame for them;—but I trust that it will also be found useful to the Mercantile Body and to the Public.

It contains all the Provincial Acts relating to the Customs or likely to be required by the Officers of that department (including the Naval Officer) and all the Imperial Enactments on the subject, passed with express reference to the Colonies, or relating to the collection and management of the Imperial duties therein, with some others of great interest to the commerce of the Province.

Much care has been given to make the notes and references sufficiently full and accurate, and at the same time concise and clear: an Appendix has been added, containing some orders, decisions and useful information connected with the same subject; and an Index is subjoined.

In the arrangement and form of printing, compactness and facility of reference and perusal, have been the main objects. A fair margin has been left; and it is earnestly recommended, more especially to Officers of the Customs, to note the effect of any future enactments opposite those affected by them, so that in reading the one the other may not be overlooked.

J. W. DUNSCOMB.

Montreal, 24th Sept. 1844.

157236