

son that Gentlemen selected from the legal profession, are now presiding in those Courts, where, in general, the Magistrates of the most ability and intelligence are assembled, and where reference can always be had, to some of the valuable English Publications which treat of the proceedings in Sessions, as well as to the whole of the Provincial Statutes ; and also, as time and facilities are there afforded for the full and deliberate consideration of every matter. Moreover, it was thought desirable to confine the Work within the most moderate compass, consistent with all needful information to Magistrates. On some points, however, proceedings in the Sessions are treated of.

With regard to the Provincial Statutes which concern the duties of Magistrates, it has been deemed sufficient to recite only such of them, or such parts thereof, as are now in force, It may therefore be taken for granted, that every enactment of that nature, which is not set forth in this work, has either been expressly or virtually repealed, or entirely altered or annulled.

Neither has it been thought requisite, except in two or three instances, to recite or mention any Acts which are merely of a local description.

The duration of a Statute, as to being *perpetual* or only *temporary*, is almost invariably noted at the close of its recital.

In general where any subject has been found to branch out into a number of parts, such an order of treating it has been adopted, and such divisions have been made, that all the enactments and information relating to each part, or having a bearing upon it, are brought together under one view ; so that the reader may be saved the trouble of a reference to any other division or Title.

For every principle and position which is stated, the authority is given, and with regard to the Provincial Enactments, especially, wherever there has appeared to be reason for doubt or uncertainty as to their intention or construction, or the pro-

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