

The present work aims at fulfilling the deficiency. It pretends to be a guide in procedure, telling all who are concerned with deaths to be investigated what they have to do. It takes the case from the time of the death, and step by step, it proceeds to show what has to be done until the body at the end, is buried; meeting on the road all incidental difficulties which may arise.

This method has forced the author to split in parts subjects which could have been treated all at once under a single heading and may give rise to the appearance of repetition of the same things. An attentive observation though, will permit one to see that the repetition is more apparent than real.

The author of the present work has endeavored, to the best of his ability, to give the reasons commanding each and every proceeding set forth in his book. He does not claim infallibility, but hopes that his work will be a benefit for future legislation.

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