

Common Law at Westminster, our Central Criminal Court, our High Court of Admiralty of England, the Admiralty Court of our Cinque Ports, our Courts of Probate and of Divorce for England, the Courts of Common Pleas of our Counties Palatine of Lancaster and of Durham respectively, and the Courts of Error and of Appeal from all the said several Courts, and into the operation and effect of the present separation and division of jurisdictions between the said several Courts. And also into the operation and effect of the present arrangements for holding the sittings in London and Middlesex, and the holding of sittings and assizes in England and Wales, and of the present division of the legal year into terms and vacations; and generally into the operation and effect of the existing laws and arrangements for distributing and transacting the judicial business of the said Courts respectively, as well in Court as in Chambers, with a view to ascertain whether any and what changes and improvements, either by uniting and consolidating the said Courts, or any of them, or by extending or altering the several jurisdictions, or assigning any matters or causes now within their respective cognizance to any other jurisdiction, or by altering the number of judges in the said Courts, or any of them, or empowering one or more judges in any of the said Courts to transact any kind of business now transacted by a greater number, or by altering the mode in which the business of the said Courts, or any of them, or of the sittings and assizes, is now distributed or conducted, or otherwise, may be advantageously made so as to provide for the more speedy, economical, and satisfactory despatch of the judicial business now transacted by the same Courts and at the sittings and assizes respectively. And, further, to make inquiry into the laws relating to juries, especially with reference to the qualifications, summoning, nominating, and enforcing the attendance of jurors, with a view to the better, more regular, and more efficient conduct of trials by jury, and the attendance of jurors at such trials."

The Commissioners are authorized to examine the officers of the respective Courts as witnesses, and are to report within nine months

from the 18th of September, date of issuing the Commission.

NOTICES OF NEW PUBLICATIONS.

THE AMERICAN LAW REVIEW, October. Little, Brown & Co., Boston.—This is the first number of the second volume. The contents of the current number show no falling off in interest. An able article on "Liability as partner" advocates that the participant of partnership profits should be exempt from liability in the five cases enumerated in the English Statute of 1865, viz: when such profits are received as a remuneration for the use of money lent a partnership; when they are received in addition to, or in lieu of, wages for labour performed in the capacity of servant or agent of the partnership; when they are received by way of annuity, in case the participant be the widow or child of a deceased partner; and when they are received by way of annuity in consideration of the sale of the good will of a business to a partnership; and in addition to these five instances, "generally, when the participant is not in fact a partner, and has not held himself out as such to creditors, and has not also, either secretly or fraudulently, enabled others to gain false credit by any act of his."

Five and twenty pages of the *Review* are devoted to a memoir of the late Chief Justice SHAW, for thirty years Chief Justice of Massachusetts, who died in 1861, just at the commencement of the civil war. This is followed by a notice of "A Book about Lawyers," of which we reproduce a part in the present number.

THE AMERICAN LAW REGISTER, October. D. B. Canfield & Co., Philadelphia.—The present number closes the current volume of this able monthly, which has been sixteen years in existence. An interesting letter, written by Dr. LIEBER to a member of the famous constitutional convention, appears in our present issue.

THE UPPER CANADA LAW JOURNAL, October. W. C. Chewett & Co., Toronto.—The last number contains the second part of an article on the Marriage Laws, with reference to the