

*A Treatise on Extradition and Interstate Rendition*, with Appendices containing the Treaties and Statutes relating to Extradition; the Treaties relating to the Desertion of Seamen; and the Statutes, Rules of Practice, and Forms in force in the several States and Territories relating to Interstate Rendition. By John Bassett Moore, Third Assistant Secretary of State of the United States. Author of a work on "Extra-Territorial Crime," etc. In two volumes. Boston: The Boston Book Company, 1891.

In a carefully prepared, exhaustive, and yet compendious work, although of fifteen hundred pages, the author presents to us the law of extradition in all its phases. The official position of the author has enabled him to have access to state papers and original documents denied to other writers, no matter how painstaking they may be. Apart from this the index of publications cited shows how exhaustive his researches have been. The work of Dr. S. T. Spear, published some thirteen years ago, has not the same practical value as the work before us, which aims at being, before everything, a practical exposition of, and guide to the law. Throughout the volumes will be found in their proper place the suitable and necessary forms, ignorance of which has so often defeated justice.

We cannot, however, but be more especially interested in the seventy pages which the author devotes to the extradition law of Canada, looking upon it first from an historical point of view, and then tracing the law from the period when no treaty existed to the present time. Some useful pages on practice follow, to which are appended the more important decisions, illustrating the question of evidence. The subject of forgery, and the important cases bearing thereon, are specially noted. Our Inter-Provincial Law is also referred to briefly. These pages alone will make the book invaluable to all who require a knowledge of the law in the ever-increasing field of extradition. The method, scientific and explanatory, by which each important case is criticised and analysed, and where leading principles have been misapplied the true principle is distinguished, gives an intrinsic merit to the book apart from its great practical value.

The second volume is devoted to Interstate Rendition, which term the author applies to what is generally known by the inconvenient and unsuitable term of Interstate Extradition, on which the author says, "Law writers have been led to consult the principles of international law, and to apply them to a subject which they do not govern. The transfer of an accused person from one part of a country to another, having a common supreme government, does not bring into operation the principles of international law." In a word, we feel that Mr. Moore's book will be the standard work on this subject for many years to come and that it will be long before any other author will have the courage to face the amount of research required in the production of the volume before us.

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