

PREFACE.

THIS LITTLE WORK was prepared by me under the sanction of the Government. It has been compiled principally from English Text Writers on Magisterial Law, which I have condensed and made applicable to local requirements. My object has been to give to Outport Magistrates as clear and definite instructions and forms for all their ordinary duties as could be condensed within the small space at my disposal. I have endeavoured to be accurate, and in nearly every case I have given my authorities and quoted reported cases. I have to thank His Honor Sir HUGH W. HOYLES, the Chief Justice, for having kindly gone over the whole work, partly in manuscript, and partly in print, and I have his authority for stating that it meets with his entire approval. I also beg to thank Mr. BENNETT'S Government for having authorized me to prepare, and the present Attorney General for having allowed me to publish the work, at the expense of the Government. If the perusal of this Manual should tend to assist my brother Magistrates in the discharge of their onerous duties, and enable them to carry out the Law with more accuracy and efficiency, I shall feel amply repaid for all the labour and thought I have bestowed upon its preparation.

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