

P R E F A C E.

Having been appointed to superintend the publication of the Provincial Statutes, I very soon found it necessary to determine on publishing this Volume, containing the Revised Statutes only, leaving those passed contemporaneously at the last Session, and any which remained unrepealed, to form two other Volumes; one of Public, the other of Private and Local Acts.

To have included in this Volume the Public unrepealed Acts, and those of the last Session, would have marred the uniformity of its appearance,—greatly increased its bulk, by adding about fifty Acts, and some of them very long,—protracted its issue, already greatly delayed,—and have rendered the Volume, to whatever extent the Law Amendments may hereafter pass, useless.

By making a second Volume of these Public Acts, and publishing a much smaller number than of the Revised Statutes, it may be considered as circulating for present convenience, until the publication of a second Codified Volume of uniform appearance with the first shall be ordered, which may readily be effected on the Legislature passing the remainder of the Law Amendments, they being already codified.

These Amendments, thus codified, were reported by the Commissioners as forming a portion of “Part the Third,” relating to Courts; but the Legislature being unable to attend to them all at the last Session, and those with reference to the Court of Chancery having passed subsequently to the Revised Statutes, that part of this Volume will unavoidably be short and incomplete. The second and third Reports, however, of the Law Commissioners, will be found in the second Volume, as bearing more immediately on that particular portion of the Statutes.

It may be necessary to remind the unprofessional reader of this Volume, that in the two Chapters “Of Terms, &c.” and “Repeal of Statutes,” prepared for the purpose of avoiding incessant repetitions, will be found the key to many seeming