

PREFACE

TO THE
TENTH EDITION.

THE design of the present Edition of this work is to supply the Legal Profession with a complete Practice of the Contentious and Non-Contentious Business of the High Court of Justice in respect of Grants of Probates and Administrations.

The late Mr. Henry Charles Coote, F.S.A., formerly an experienced Proctor in Doctors' Commons, on the transfer in 1858 to the Court of Probate of the business of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, and of the other Ecclesiastical Courts in matters of Probates and Administrations, published his Common Form Practice, the value of which was promptly appreciated and recognized by the Legal Profession; and there being a want felt of a Treatise on the Contentious Probate Practice, I wrote a short one on the subject, which appeared in the Second and in the subsequent Editions of Mr. Coote's Common Form Practice, published prior to the changes introduced by the Judicature Acts.

In 1881 I published a more comprehensive and separate work on the Contentious Probate Practice, and on the Practice on Motions and Summons, but the severance of the Contentions from the Non-Contentious Practice having been found to be inconvenient, I undertook to re-unite them in the present Edition. In carrying out this design I have had the advantage of the co-operation of Mr. Henry Pickering Clarke, by his revising the Common Form Practice. The original text of the Common Form Practice, as written by Mr. Coote, has been as much as possible preserved, and the *more important* of the alterations and additions will be found distinguished by brackets.