

PREFACE.

THE idea of compiling this little work was suggested to me from a knowledge that in the vast majority of cases, when the transaction was a business one, the vendor of a chattel himself avoided a compliance with the Bills of Sale and Chattel Mortgage Acts by retaining in himself the property in the chattel until payment therefor by the vendee. The result of this practice in many instances has proved most disastrous to innocent persons, and the passage of the Statute, endeavoured to be annotated, must be hailed with delight, for in a measure at all events it will afford some little protection to the public, of whom there are many too apt to assume from the circumstances of a man's possessions that he is financially that which in reality he is not.

In the hope, then, that my efforts may be of some use and of some benefit, not alone to the profession but to the business men and manufacturers, I present to the public my many day's labour in the shape of this work.

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