

Much repetition has also been saved by a very enlarged Chapter of explanations of general terms, applying to all the Chapters of the Act. As a familiar illustration of this improvement, whenever any thing was directed to be done by the head of the Government, there was a continual recurrence of the terms "His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province, or Administrator of the Government for the time being, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council." The words "Governor in Council," wherever they occur, will now, by the Chapter of explanations, signify all that is intended by that more lengthy form of expression.

The whole of the Acts codified make but one Act; the divisions, framed on the Massachusetts model, will be found simple and perspicuous. The "Parts" shew the division between public and private rights, criminal, and other general heads. We propose to arrange them in the following order.

The Law prescribing the political division of the Province into Counties and Parishes will form a first Chapter by itself, defining the territory over which the jurisdiction of the Province extends, and the area affected by the legislation of the subsequent Chapters. Part the first will, with this Chapter, embrace all matters relating to the Legislature, the Revenue, the Post Office, Highways, and other matters affecting the public. The second, the acquisition and transmission of property. The third, the several Courts of Law and modes of proceeding in special cases, such as absconding, absent, and insolvent debtors. The last part will comprehend the criminal law, and the administration of criminal justice. For the reasons already given, the third part, relating to Courts of Law, must necessarily be limited in extent, although whatever we conceived might not probably require revision has been inserted.

The "Titles" take a particular subject of a "Part," and these again, for method and convenience of arrangement, are divided into Chapters, and the Chapters into Sections, with the contents of each Section at the head of the Chapters. There will also be a general Index at the end of the Volume, to be prepared when it is to be printed for publication.

There is nothing in this revision which has not undergone a thorough sifting by at least three of our number, with the