

of the decision being stated briefly, and other portions being indicated merely. Where after referring to a case, another case was found varying somewhat, but largely analogous to the first decision, the second case is preceded by the words "And see" or "See also". Where a case or cross-reference seemed to bear rather upon the general subject of an article than on any particular section thereof, it is referred to in a foot-note to the article, found on the page on which the article begins. Where the notes on any section are numerous, they are arranged under appropriate black-letter headings. In addition to the annotations, the book contains numerous cross-references, calling attention to where similar sections or sections dealing with kindred subjects, may be found. It is hoped that these cross-references will prove useful.

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With this introduction, I hand the Annotated Code over to the bench and bar of the State, that enlightened jury whose verdict I shall await with much interest. In extenuation of the errors and inaccuracies which, notwithstanding the exercise of care and every known precaution, must necessarily creep into a work of such proportions involving the examination of between five and ten thousand sections of statute law, and over twenty thousand decisions, I will only say that abler and more experienced annotators than I, have found it impossible to avoid errors in the first edition of a work so large and inherently difficult. While the work has been arduous and difficult—more so than any one who has not done such work can readily understand—if my brethren of the profession find that the book, to some extent at least, conserves their time, lightens their labors, and promotes the development of the law of the State, I will not regret having assumed the task.

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