

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE HON. CLEMENT DORSEY,

UPON THE SUBJECT OF

**A COMPILATION OF THE PUBLIC STATUTORY LAW
OF THIS STATE,**

In One Octavo Volume.

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By order, G. G. BREWER, Cl'k.

To the Honorable,

The President of the Senate, and

The Speaker of the House of Delegates.

At a very early day, after I was appointed an Associate Judge of the First Judicial District, I commenced for my own use, a digest of the Public Statutory Law of this State—I now offer to publish the same, if it shall be the policy of the State to countenance the work by subscribing for as many copies as the public interest shall require, at ten dollars a volume. A knowledge of this law can now be acquired only by a minute and tedious investigation of the contents of two quarto and five octavo volumes, and the acts of the General Assembly passed since 1819.

I feel convinced (from a careful count of the pages which contain the public law,) that all the public statutes now in force may be comprised into one large octavo volume, and may be ready for delivery before the meeting of the next General Assembly.

The contemplated plan is to compile these laws under appropriate subdivisions and familiar titles, with a copious index, and thus afford to the citizens of this State the means of acquiring, without a tedious research, a knowledge of that law, which instructs them in their duties to the government, and guaranties their rights.

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