

PREFIXED to the work is an Index to the general Contents, pointing to the pages where the same may be found.—A secondary Index is also introduced, with references to the general Heads; by the use of which, the Law upon any subject, comprised in the acts now in force, may be seen at one view, without the ambiguity and uncertainty which heretofore existed.

THE copy was sent to press before the commencement of the last session of Assembly; of course the acts of that session could not be incorporated with the principal matter; however, the same shall be published by way of *Appendix* to this work, in the same order, and with references to such parts of the original as have expired, may have been repealed, or otherwise altered.

THE Editor in a work of this nature, can claim but little merit, unless he has preserved that accuracy, to which his whole attention has been directed.—Whether he has succeeded or not, the Public must determine.—His intention was to produce an Abridgment of the acts of Assembly, that would prove generally useful; and from the labour sacrificed in completing the same, he flatters himself, that the expectations, which he formed in this respect, will not be wholly disappointed; but should men of improved genius, of letters and precision, happen to find any inaccuracies, it is to be hoped they will have the goodness to pardon the defects of a writer, whose only aim and endeavour was public utility.

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