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S I M I L A R T O T H E F O R E G O I N G C O M P I L A T I O N.

THE Laws of a Nation, so happily circumstanced as this is, through the great increase of population, commerce, and accumulating wealth, must necessarily swell to such a number, and consist of so great a variety of particulars, as to render it impossible for the generality of the citizens to become acquainted therewith, if some means are not taken to simplify them for that purpose.

The power of making war, peace and treaties, levying money and regulating commerce, laying and collecting taxes, duties, imposts and excises, passing uniform laws of naturalization and bankruptcies, establishing post offices and post roads, maintaining the navy and regulating the militia, and making such laws and regulations as will carry the same into execution, is vested in Congress; surely then the knowledge of the laws passed by that body, which implicates the peace, happiness and prosperity of our country; (perhaps our national existence,) must be of the utmost importance to every citizen having a wish or desire to preserve our civil, political and religious liberty, and actually necessary for them to be acquainted with as their rule of conduct.

The method pursued in the plan adopted, is not proposed as more perfect, or better in itself, than the collection of laws now published, but as one that appears more adapted to the circumstances and ease of the citizens of every denomination of those States, having for its end, conciseness in substance, simplicity in arrangement, and cheapness in the purchase thereof, as will be seen in the conditions hereunder inserted.

And to that end, the Editor has with uncommon pains, collected the public laws of the United States, under general heads and alphabetically arranged, omitting only the preambles, and form of the enacting clauses (prefixing the Constitution as amended thereto) with references to heads alternately as they may have enlarged, abridged, or otherwise altered each other; the whole having references to the acts at large.

The utility of this plan must appear obvious, as any subject in contemplation can be traced through the different sessions in which the same passed, embracing at one view the original and supplementary acts.

C O N D I T I O N S.

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- III. As soon as a sufficient number of copies shall be subscribed for, the work will be put to the press, and finished as expeditiously as a strict attention to neatness and accuracy will admit of.

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