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## P R E F A C E.

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THE object of the following pages is to explain fully the Proceedings in Committees of the House of Commons on Private Bills; to state those rules with respect to them which are sanctioned by general concurrence and practice; and in any case in which no certain rule can be deduced from the practice, to state the rule which appears to be most expedient, with the reasons in favour of its adoption. References have been added to the precedents which bear upon the subject.

It has been found most convenient, in order to give a clear view of the subject immediately under consideration, to enter in the first place on that of Committees of the House of Commons generally, but it has not been the object in these pages to enter into details with respect to any Committees other than those on Private Bills.

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