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PREFACE TO THE FIRST EDITION.

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THE present volume contains all the laws and decisions which relate to Mining Corporations in the State of California; also the necessary forms used in the incorporation of Mining Companies. It is published because of the great necessity for such a work. Many thousands of men in California and Nevada Territory are directly engaged in mining, and thousands more are owners of mining stocks; many millions of capital are invested in them, and nearly the whole business of California and Nevada Territory is based on mining interests; yet comparatively few persons know anything definite about the laws which govern these great interests. These laws are simple and easily understood.

The professional man will find the present volume of great convenience, as all the Mining Laws are compiled in their proper order, and the decisions of the Supreme Court bearing on the subject are arranged under appropriate heads. The most approved forms used in the formation of companies and a full and complete index are appended; and there will be no occasion for looking beyond the present volume for any law, decision, or form which relates to the subject.

To the great number of individuals who are members of Incorporated Mining Companies and owners of mining stock, as well as to those who may hereafter become interested in like companies, this little compilation presents an opportunity of acquiring a perfect knowledge of the laws which govern the subject of their interests.

To persons who may desire to form Mining Companies it gives complete instruction, and will enable them to commence and perfect their organization without legal advice or assistance.

H. B. C.

SAN FRANCISCO, July, 1863.

## PREFACE TO THE THIRD EDITION.

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SINCE the publication of the First and Second Editions of *MINING LAWS AND FORMS* the Statutes of the State of California relating to the subject matter of the volume have been so far changed and amended as to render those Editions, in many respects, useless, and to occasion an earnest demand by the public for a new and enlarged edition.

The Compiler has therefore carefully revised the work, and has included in this Edition all the laws of the State of California in force at the present time, of interest to Mining Corporations and persons interested in mining. This Edition also includes a careful and thorough compilation of all the laws of the Territory of Nevada on the same subjects.

The large amount of California capital invested in Mexican Mines has occasioned a demand for information relative to the laws of that country concerning the mines; and the Compiler has been induced to also include in this Edition the Code of Mining Ordinances of Mexico (of 1783), complete, and has added thereto several important decrees of the Mexican Government, defining the rights and privileges of foreigners resident in that country.

The public will also find in this Edition a full and complete Digest of the Decisions of the Supreme Court of California bearing on the subject of mining, and all kindred subjects, brought down to and including those contained in the latest published volume of the Reports, arranged under the laws and sections to which such decisions are applicable.

The "Forms" have been revised and made to conform to the demands which the latest experience has made advisable, and will be found to be adapted to the wants of persons desiring to form corporations, as well as of mining companies and their officers.

The present Edition of this work is confidently placed before the public, in the belief that it supplies a public want, and that it will receive the public patronage.

H. B. C.

SAN FRANCISCO, July, 1864.

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