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**THE LAW
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LIVINGSTON'S
LAW REGISTER;

CONTAINING

THE NAME, POST OFFICE, COUNTY AND STATE

OF

EVERY LAWYER IN THE UNITED STATES:

ALSO,

A LIST OF ALL THE COUNTIES, WITH THEIR SHIRE-TOWNS;
AND THE LEGAL RATES OF INTEREST
IN EACH STATE.

TOGETHER WITH

THE LEGAL FORMS FOR THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DEEDS
IN EVERY STATE.

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P R E F A C E .

THE multiplied and increasing business relations between the different portions of this great Republic, seem to render a publication of this description a convenient and useful manual, not only to those who are engaged in the practice of the law, but to bankers, merchants, manufacturers, insurance companies—in short, to all who are employed in active business, and have occasion to make inquiries appertaining to matters at remote places, in which they have no acquaintance, or who desire to transact affairs at a distance by correspondence with gentlemen of the profession. Every practicing lawyer must perceive the utility of this list for occasional reference, and as a most effective means for the transaction of business at all points in the Union.

As the value of the Register must depend upon its correctness, the Editor desires to say, that the entire catalogue contained in the following pages has been compiled from official returns obtained from the clerks, recording officers, and sheriffs of the various counties. Without the assistance of these officers, who, with few exceptions, have been found intelligent and obliging, the work could not have been compiled; and the Editor begs to tender them his sincere thanks for their valuable labors, and their prompt replies to his inquiries.

To all who are familiar with undertakings of this nature, it will be evident that great labor and expense have been encountered in the preparation of this list. Though the utmost pains have been taken to avoid mistakes, it would be presumptuous to assert, that

none have occurred in a work containing such an immense number of names.

A reference to the work will show that every effort has been made to attain the most perfect classification. In the Synoptic Table are given the names of all organized counties, with their respective shire-towns. This Table having been prepared expressly for the work, by the Secretaries of the several States, may be relied on as correct; and as new counties are annually organized by the Legislatures of the new States, it is probably the only complete one to be found. Opposite each county will be seen the number of lawyers it contains. The Index gives the names of the post-offices contained in the work; so that, by the use of the Synoptic table and the Index the inquirer may readily find the names of the Lawyers in any town or county.

At the end of the volume will be found other useful matters, not the least important of which are the various legal forms for the authentication of instruments in writing in every State. To commissioners, judges, county clerks, and other officers whose duty it is to take the acknowledgment of conveyances of real estate, these forms will be found most convenient, and an observance of them will avoid much expense and trouble. Insufficient certificates, made by acknowledging officers, have unsettled the title to much property, and originated no inconsiderable amount of litigation. It is now a settled rule of law, that the *forms* and solemnities required to pass the title must be in conformity with the local laws of the country in which the land is situated.

According to this work, the whole number of Lawyers in the United States is *twenty-one thousand nine hundred and seventy nine*. Supposing that of the above number 979 have retired from practice, and that the annual emoluments of each practicing Lawyer average \$1500 (which we think is nearly correct), we find the total

income of the profession to be *thirty-one million five hundred thousand dollars* a year.

The number of Lawyers in each State is as follows:—

Alabama, 692; Arkansas, 264; California, 68—(returns incomplete); Connecticut, 335; Delaware, 50; District of Columbia, 61; Florida, 115; Georgia, 698; Illinois, 710; Indiana, 732; Iowa, 243; Kentucky, 886; Louisiana, 479; Maine, 527; Maryland, 543; Massachusetts, 1,040; Michigan, 422; Minnesota, 24; Mississippi, 700; Missouri, 584; New Hampshire, 303; New Jersey, 307; New Mexico, 13; New York, 4,374; North Carolina, 435; Ohio, 1,639; Oregon, 20; Pennsylvania, 1,739; Rhode Island, 112; South Carolina, 433; Tennessee, 735; Texas, 499; Vermont, 442; Virginia, 1,278; Wisconsin, 477.

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