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AND  
GLEBE LANDS,  
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RESPECTIVELY RELATING THERETO,  
WITH  
THE STATUTES IN FULL,  
AND  
Various Official Documents.

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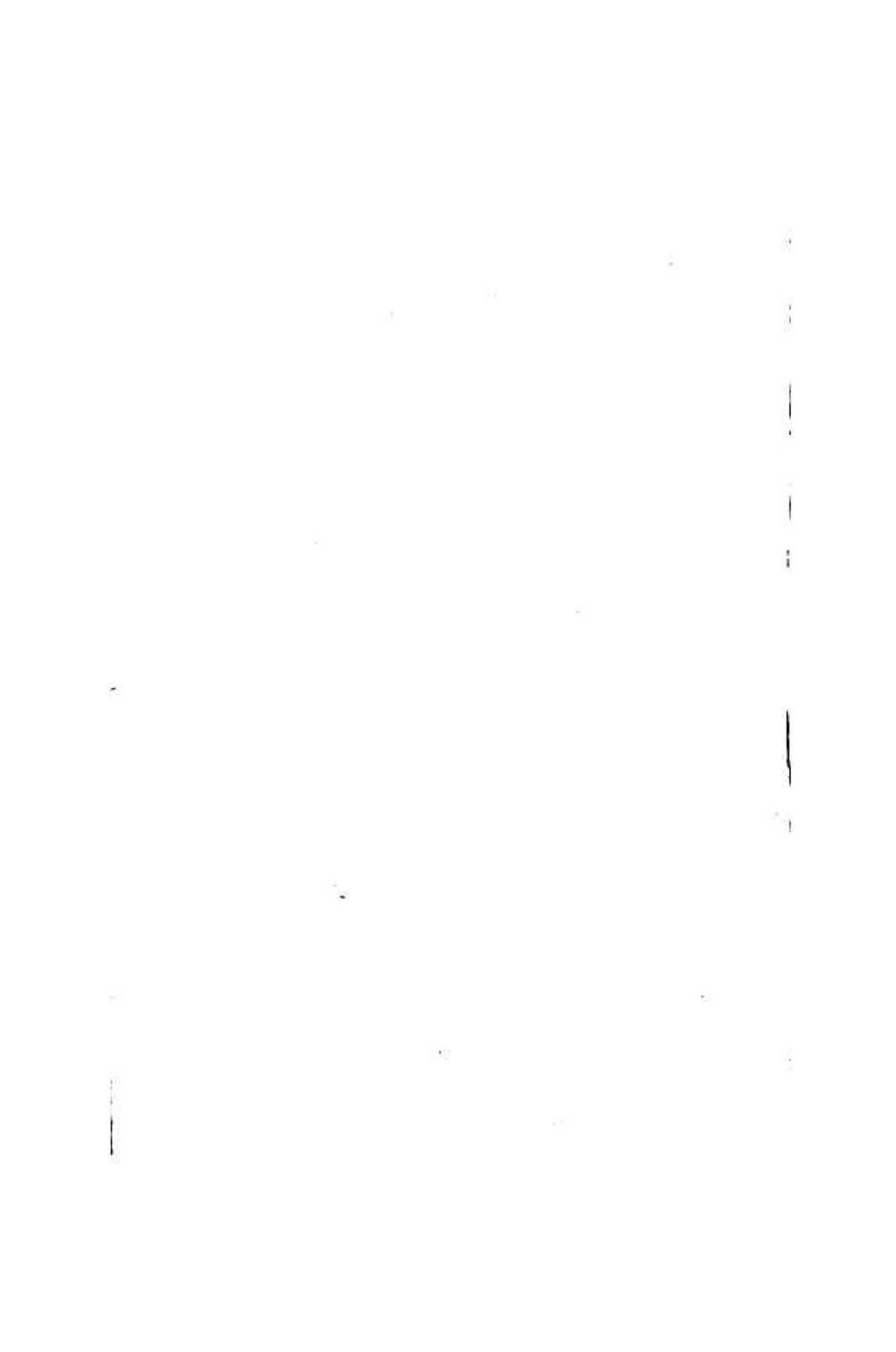
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## PREFACE.

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THE title-page of this work is so sufficiently explanatory that a formal preface seems scarcely necessary. I may, however, point out that considering how numerous throughout England and Wales are the persons affected by the law of tithes—whether as tithe-receivers or tithe-payers—and that such are not, as a rule, familiar with the technical phraseology of Acts of Parliament, I have endeavoured to frame this volume in such a form that he who runs may read, without the assistance of an expert at his elbow.

Both the "Tithe Act, 1891," (54 Vict., c. 8) and the "Glebe Lands Act, 1888," (51 & 52 Vict., c. 20) may be said to owe their origin to the agricultural depression with which Providence has visited the land now for ten years or more past; that is to say, had it not been for that depression, the passing of both Acts would probably have been long delayed, because the need was not specially felt

for either until about the year 1880. Nevertheless, it must not be supposed that either are ephemeral in character; on the contrary, both lay down broad general principles which will be found of permanent usefulness and value.

The very excellent Index has been prepared by my friend Mr. James Cranstoun, of the Oxford Circuit.

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## CHAPTER I.

### BRIEF HISTORICAL INTRODUCTION.

FEW persons living at the present time are old enough to remember the difficulties which attended the collection of tithes 60 or 70 years ago. Those difficulties may be said to have caused the passing of the "Tithe Commutation Act, 1836" (6 & 7 Will. IV., c. 71), which gave legislative sanction to compromises and arrangements relating to the collection of tithes which previously had been matters of voluntary arrangement between the parties. It was anticipated that the change in the law then made would have terminated for ever all friction between tithe-owners and tithe-payers, and, for the best part of half a century, that anticipation proved true. But the agricultural depression, which will be alluded to more at length in a later part of this work, revived, in many localities, extinct controversies, with the result that discussions, developing, in many instances, into agitations, have sprung up, and the attention of Parliament has again been drawn to the tithe question as a whole, or to particular details of it.

The first symptoms of revived uneasiness showed themselves in the hop-producing districts in connection with what was known as the "extraordinary tithe." This matter was considered by a Committee