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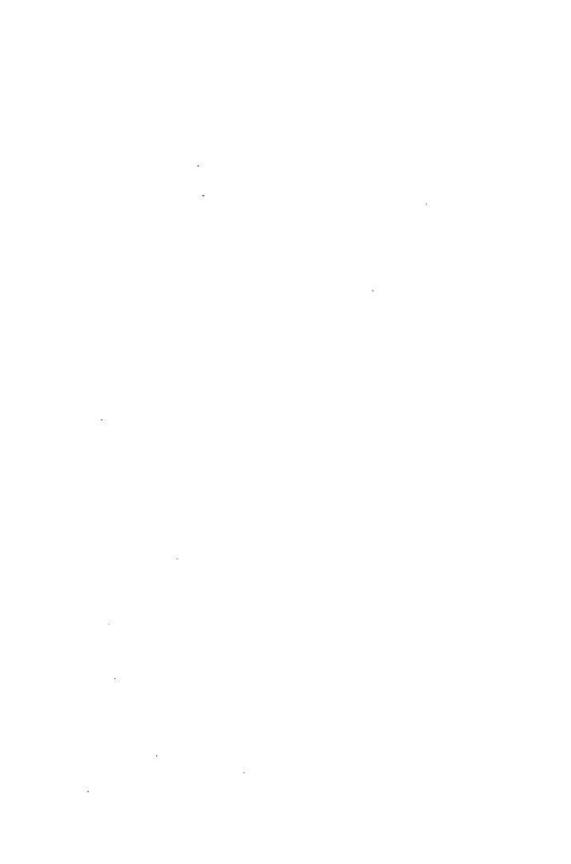
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PREFATORY NOTE.

The Public Libraries Act, 1892, provided for its adoption in any Library District (i.e., a Parish, Urban District, or Metropolitan District, Sects. 1 (2); 21 and 22), by a poll of the voters by means of voting papers. In 1893, by the passing of the Public Libraries (Amendment) Act, 1893, the method of adopting the Act in an URBAN DISTRICT was altered by a provision that the adoption should be by the passing of a resolution to that effect by the Urban Authority. In 1894 a further change was made by the Local Government Act of that year (familiarly called the Parish Councils Act), which provided that in a RUBAL PARISH the Act should be adopted (if at all) by the Parish Meeting or (if demanded) a poll of the voters in manner provided by that Act, i.e., by ballot. Therefore the only Library Districts where the Act may be adopted as originally provided are the City of London and Metropolitan Parishes or Districts. The object of this short treatise is to show the procedure to be followed where the Library District is-

- The City of London, a Metropolitan Parish, or a Metropolitan District.
- (2) A Rural Parish.
- (3) An Urban District.

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CITY OF LONDON AND METROPOLITAN DISTRICTS AND PARISHES.

THE regulations prescribed by the Public Libraries Act, 1892, for its adoption are now applicable only in the City of London (Sect. 21), Metropolitan Districts (Sect. 22), and Metropolitan Parishes (Sect. 1 (2)).

SUMMARY OF PROCEDURE.

The necessary steps to be taken may be summarised as follows:—

- A requisition requiring the opinion of the voters to be ascertained.
- (2) A poll of the voters by means of voting papers.
- (3) The appointment of Library Commissioners (except in the City of London, where the Common Council is to be the Library Authority).

PROCEEDINGS FOR ADOPTION OF ACT.

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The following provisions of Sect. 3 of the Public Libraries Act, 1892, apply:—

- 3. With respect to-
- (a) the adoption of this Act for any Library District; and
- (b) the fixing, raising, and removing of any limitation on the maximum rate¹ to be levied for the purposes of this Act (a); and