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"Let me be umpire in this doubtful strife."

KING HENRY VI.

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P R E F A C E.

It has often occurred to me that certain information on the subject now treated of might be so conveyed as to find, without professing or attempting to supersede any existing works, a welcome on grounds to which those works lay no claim. Expositions, afforded by the exclusive employment of tables, are too abstruse, and volumes embracing all the incidents of property are too copious, for persons intent upon sales and valuations.

The compass of the present essay confines it chiefly to the results of practical

observation, and though most inferior where most my own, the introduction of much collective matter must have impaired its originality.

Some points of practice, to which I have felt bound to take objection, have not failed to provoke condemnation elsewhere.

The tables given may be regarded as a condensed, and very brief epitome, of the class used in valuations. To owners and students they may serve for approximate solutions, and the able practitioner, less dependent upon external aids, may find the book a convenient pocket companion.

The small group of authorities to which I am indebted, includes among architects the names of Elmes¹ and Inwood;² of

¹ "A Practical Treatise on Ecclesiastical and Civil Dilapidations." By James Elmes.

² "Tables for the Purchasing of Estates." By William Inwood.

mathematicians, De Morgan¹ and Willich;² of lawyers, Gibbons,³ Woolrych,⁴ Wordsworth,⁵ and Lord St. Leonards.⁶

It is hardly necessary to say that although dealings with companies have been more especially kept in view, the contents are, with a few obvious modifications, perfectly applicable to ordinary transactions.

Having, in 1861, expressed an opinion that railways would prove instrumental in driving prisons, union houses, and lunatic

¹ "An Essay on Probabilities." By Augustus De Morgan.

² "Popular Tables." By Charles M. Willich.

³ "A Treatise on the Law of Dilapidations and Nuisances." By David Gibbons. "The Law of Fixtures." By the same Author.

⁴ "A Practical Treatise on the Law of Window Lights." By Humphry W. Woolrych.

⁵ "The Law of Compensations by Arbitration and by Jury." By Charles Wordsworth, Q.C.

⁶ "A Handy Book on Property Law." By Lord St. Leonards.