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Public Statutes at Large

OF THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

FROM THE

ORGANIZATION OF THE GOVERNMENT IN 1789, TO MARCH 3, 1845.

ARRANGED IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER.

WITH

REFERENCES TO THE MATTER OF EACH ACT AND TO THE SUBSEQUENT ACTS
ON THE SAME SUBJECT,

AND

COPIOUS NOTES OF THE DECISIONS

OF THE

Courts of the United States

CONSTRUING THOSE ACTS, AND UPON THE SUBJECTS OF THE LAWS.

WITH AN

INDEX TO THE CONTENTS OF EACH VOLUME,

AND A

FULL GENERAL INDEX TO THE WHOLE WORK, IN THE CONCLUDING VOLUME.

TOGETHER WITH

*The Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation, and
the Constitution of the United States;*

AND ALSO,

TABLES, IN THE LAST VOLUME, CONTAINING LISTS OF THE ACTS RELATING TO THE JUDICIARY,
IMPOSTS AND TONNAGE, THE PUBLIC LANDS, ETC.

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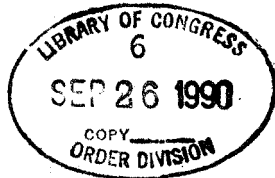
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LETTERS.

“To the Hon. J. Y. MASON, Attorney-General of the United States.

“SIR :

“THE undersigned, the Joint Committee of the last Congress upon the Library, having had an opportunity of examining the first volume of the new edition of the Laws and Treaties of the United States, published by Messrs. Little & Brown, under the Resolve of the last session, passed in pursuance of the Report of that Committee, have thought it might not be improper to express an opinion upon this specimen of the work. And we have great satisfaction in saying, that it most fully answers the expectations with which we recommended, and with which, as we think, Congress invited, the publication of this edition. It conforms substantially to the plan which the Resolve instructed, improving upon it where it differs at all ; is executed with great mechanical neatness ; and, if the whole shall be completed as it is here begun, the Government, the Profession, and the Country, will have the entire series of all our Public and Private Legislation, in force or obsolete, and of all our Diplomacy, in a natural, easy arrangement, for consultation and reference ; with very perfect indices, with references in the margin, and notes to all the other Statutes, Resolves, or Treaties, relating to the matter of the text, and to all Judicial Decisions of all the Federal Courts applicable to the same matter ; constituting an absolutely authoritative national work. We learn that every law and treaty has been carefully collated with the originals in the Department of State.

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“BENJ. TAPPAN, } *Committee on the part of the*
“J. A. PEARCE, } *Senate, 28th Congress.*

“EDMUND BURKE, }
“W. B. MACLAY, } *Committee on the part of*
“GEORGE P. MARSH, } *the House of Representa-*
tives, 28th Congress

"To the Hon. RUFUS CHOATE, Hon. BENJ. TAPPAN, Hon. J. A. PEARCE ;
EDMUND BURKE, W. B. MACLAY, GEORGE P. MARSH.

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"With the highest respect,

"Your obedient servant,

"J. Y. MASON."

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FROM THE DECLARATION OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES TO 1845:

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