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SNOWDEN'S
POLICE OFFICERS,
CONSTABLES GUIDE,

AND
MAGISTRATES ASSISTANT;

TO WHICH IS ADDED
THE PRACTICE OF JUSTICES IN PETTY SESSIONS,

AND THE LAW RELATING TO
SUMMARY CONVICTIONS, JUVENILE OFFENDERS,

AND
REFORMATORY AND INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

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P R E F A C E.

A FIFTH EDITION of Mr. Snowden's very useful work having been called for, the Publishers placed it in my hands for the purpose of preparing it for the Press, and incorporating in it those changes in the law which have been made since the last edition, and especially by the Criminal Law Consolidation Acts, 1861. In executing this task the work has been remodelled, and in great part rewritten, and the result of my labours is now dedicated to the large and important body of men—the county and borough police throughout the kingdom—for whose use it was chiefly designed.

In the arrangement of the work the law relating to each particular subject has been brought together, divided into sections and subdivisions, so that an officer consulting any point may be able at once to ascertain all that it is necessary for him to know upon it; and considering the practical nature of the information supplied, great care has been taken to adhere to simplicity of language and avoid superfluous technicalities.

The first part treats of every incident relating to the Appointment, Pay, and Duties of Constables; it then states the mode of procedure under Jervis's Acts with regard to Indictable Offences and Summary Convictions and Orders, and other subjects, with special reference to the Duties of Constables.

The Powers of Justices at Petty Sessions with regard to Summary Convictions for Larceny are next treated; the Trial and Punishment of Juvenile Offenders; the Care and Reformation of Juvenile Offenders in Reformatories; Industrial Schools, and the Admission and Maintenance of Children therein.

In the last section of the work the Duties of Constables in special cases are set forth, and there are also incorporated the whole of the clauses of the Criminal Law Consolidation Acts, 1861, and the mode of procedure under those Acts.

It is hoped that the work, which is calculated not only for the use of constables, but for the magistracy also, will be found a complete and trustworthy guide in all matters relating to their duties out of sessions in respect of Indictable Offences and Summary Convictions and Orders. That part of the original work which relates chiefly to the conduct of constables in the discharge of their personal duties in reference to the apprehension of

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offenders, has been carefully retained; and the perfect knowledge which Mr. Snowden had of those duties, renders anything which fell from him on such a subject of more than ordinary value.

A very elaborate Table of Contents has been prefixed to the work, and much pains has been taken to make the Index full and complete, so that any subject upon which information is sought may be found without difficulty.

Though the task which is now completed has proved one of no small labour and anxiety, I shall be well repaid if the work, as now presented to the reader, meet with the same favour as the former editions.

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