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A work has just been published at the Aurora Office, Philadelphia, entitled, "*The Bankrupt Law of America, compared with the Bankrupt Law of England;* By Thomas Cooper, of Northumberland, Pennsylvania." 8vo. 550 p.

The work commences with a dedication to *Alexander J. Dallas*. After which the reader is presented with the following preface, from a perusal of which he will be enabled to form a general idea of the work.

"The present compilation originated from a desire of being engaged in some professional pursuit during the latter months of a tedious imprisonment to which I had the honour of being sentenced, for exposing some few among the errors of a weak, a wicked and a vindictive administration.

"I intended no more at first than to collect the points decided, and the principal references in as short a compass as I could; to serve rather as a manual for the practitioner than as a treatise. I thought from looking over Mr. Cooke's compilation, that most if not all of the cases he has copied, might be simply referred to, and much of the bulk and much of the price of the book be conveniently diminished. To the last edition of that work which has appeared in this country, I meant to add as many of the later cases, as the irregular transmission of law books hither, would enable me.

"But on proceeding with the work, I found so much reason to consult the cases quoted, so many points of discordent decision, and so many observations arising which I was tempted to insert, that I determined to refer to every case myself, and to abridge it for myself. And this I have done, so far as I was enabled, by the books I collected for the purpose: making use of Cooke chiefly as a reporter of cases, not elsewhere to be found.

"In the midst of this occupation, and on my release from imprisonment, the derangement of my business at home was in no small degree encreased by the death of my wife a few days before my arrival. This occasioned a melancholy intermission of two months, and my private concerns in Philadelphia for another month, rendered it impossible for me to attend as I wished to the present publication.

"I mention these circumstances, because it has been a subject of much surprise, I find, among those who are kind enough to interest themselves in my occupations and to be anxious for my success, that the book has not been published before. Those however, who know the difficulty of mental labour under mental depression, will make some allowance for the time required in arranging from actual perusal of the cases, above two thousand citations.

"This book was nearly printed off, before I could obtain sight, of the 8th vol. of the Term Reports, or of the Reports of Bos and Puller, or the third volume of Anstruther, or the 3d vol. of Vezey, junr. although the 4th vol. I understand has been published in England. If therefore all the cases they furnish on the present subject, are not cited in their respective places, I hope I shall stand excused.

"I am persuaded however, that although the present work is imperfect, and may in some instances be found inaccurate, it will prove an useful compilation; and will be found to contain all the points and cases which are to be met with in the latest editions I have seen here of Green or Cooke: together with many others which reporters since the second edition of the last mentioned work, have furnished to the profession.

"Where the law appeared to me to be settled, I have given the points and the references, as briefly as I could; but wherever I found any contrariety of decision, I have thought it right to trace the history of the question, and to give the cases more at length in their chronological order.

"I am aware that I ought to make some apology for the freedom with which I have given my opinion on many parts of the bankrupt law, and the observations I have sometimes ventured to make, in opposition to acknowledged authority, and far superior abilities. But the bankrupt system is new in this country; its defects are very many; far more than I have touched upon: so many as to induce a doubt from the bench whether it had not done more harm than good in England: Some few of these defects we have remedied: most of them we have retained. It is likely that some time or other, at the expiration of the present act, and when we have experienced the effect of it, the whole law will undergo a revisal, and I have thought it my duty occasionally to observe upon such parts of it as seemed to me injurious or inconvenient. I have much more frequently resisted than indulged this inclination; and as the book is intended for a country where the law may be considered as an experiment, I hope the liberty I have taken will not be deemed too great.

"Indeed I have received the draught of a bill brought into the last Congress, and intended to be discussed in the next, introducing several alterations in the existing law. But as it is uncertain whether any and how much of it will be carried, or what course the projected alteration will take, I have not thought proper to notice it any further here, or to insert the proposed bill at the end of this treatise.

"The plan upon which I have proceeded in altering the common forms of precedents, I have noticed in the appendix. There can be do doubt of the existence of much unnecessary tautology in the English forms, though I have been careful in the pruning. In all cases, I have pursued the words of the act of Congress as a substitute for the expressions of the English statutes.

"The addenda for which I am obliged to Mr. Du Ponceau, will be deemed a valuable addition to this book, in every commercial country. and I hope will furnish some hints in case of any future alteration of the law here.

"With these preliminary observations I submit the work to the reader."

☞ *For sale, a few copies of the above work, price 4 dollars, at the office of the National Intelligencer.*

PROPOSALS

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In Maine.

1. From Scodic by Pennemaquan, Dennysville Machias, Chandiersville, Columbia and Narraguagus to Gouldsboro', once a week. Leave Scodic every Friday at 2 P. M. and arrive at Gouldsboro' the next Monday by 6 P. M. Leave Guiodss boro' every Tuesday by 6 A. M. and arrive at Scodic the next Friday by 10 A. M.

2. From Dennysville to Eastport, formerly called Passamaquoddy, once a week. Leave Dennysville every Friday at 6 A. M. and arrive at Eastport by 10 A. M. Leave Eastport every Friday at 2 P. M. and arrive at Dennysville by 6 P. M.

3. From Gouldsboro by Sullivan, Trenton, Bluehill, Castine, Penobscot, Buxton, Prospect and Belfast to Ducktrap, once a week. Leave Gouldsboro every Tuesday at 6 A. M. arrive at Buxton on Thursday by 3 P. M. and at Ducktrap on Friday by 10 A M. Returning—Leave Ducktrap every Friday at 2 P. M. arrive at Buxton on Saturday by 11 A. M. and at Goldsboro on Monday by 5 P. M.

4. From Ducktrap by Camden, Thomaston, Warren, Waldoboro, Bristol and Newcastle to Wiscasset once a week. Leave Ducktrap every Friday at 2 P. M. and arrive at Wiscasset on Saturday by 7 P. M. Leave Wiscasset every Thursday at 4 A. M. and arrive at Ducktrap on Friday by 10 A. M.

5. From Wiscasset by Newmilford, Pittston, Hallowell, Augusta, Vassalboro, Winslow, Fairfield and Canaan to Norridgewock, once a week. Leave Wiscasset every Thursday at 6 A. M. and arrive at Augusta by 2 P. M. Leave Augusta at 5 P. M. and arrive at Norridgewock on Saturday by 6 P. M. Returning—Leave Norridgewock every Monday at 6 A. M. arrive at Augusta on Wednesday at 8 A. M leave Augusta at 9 A. M. and arrive at Wiscasset by 4 P. M.

6. From Wiscasset by Bath, Brunswick, Freeport, North Yarmouth and Falmouth to Portland twice a week. Leave Wiscasset every Monday and Thursday at 4 A. M. and arrive at Portland by 6 P. M. Leave Portland every Wednesday and Friday at 4 A. M. and arrive at Wiscasset by 6 P. M.

7. From Portland by Scarboro', Biddeford, Kennebunk, Wells, and York to Portsmouth, N. H. three times a week. Leave Portland every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 4 A. M. and arrive at Portsmouth by 6 P. M. Leave Portsmouth every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 4 A. M. and arrive at Portland by 6 P. M. The hour of arrival to be at 8 P. M. in winter, Nov. 15, to April 15.

8. From Portland by Falmouth, Gray, New Gloucester, Lewistown, Green, Monmouth and Winthrop, Augusta Readfield and Chester, to Farmington, once a week. Leave Portland every Saturday at 10 P. M. arrive at Augusta on Tuesday at 9 A. M. and at Farmington by 7 P. M. Returning—Leave Farmington on Wednesday at 10 A. M. arrive at Augusta by 7 P. M. and at Portland the next Saturday noon.

9. From Portland by Saccarappe, Gorham Standish, Flintstown, Hiram, Brownfield, Fryberg, Ossippee, N. H. Effingham, Parsonfield, Newfield, Limerick, Buxton, Gorham and Saccarappe to Portland, once a week. Leave Portland every Monday at 6 A. M and arrive at Ossippee the next Tuesday by 6 P. M. Leave Ossippee on Wednesday at 6 A. M. arrive at Parsonfield by noon, and at Portland on Thursday by noon.

10. From Kennebunk by Waterboro', Sanford, Doutys Falls, Berwick, Lebanon and Shapleigh to Parsonfield, once a week. Leave Kennebunk every Monday at 3 P. M. arrive at Berwick on Tuesday at 2 P. M. Leave Berwick at 3 P. M. and arrive at Parsonfield on Wednesday 10 A. M. Returning—Leave Parsonfield every Wednesday at 2 P. M. arrive at Berwick on Thursday 10 A. M. and at Kennebunk on Friday by 10. A. M.

NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

11. From Portsmouth by Dover to Berwick Me. once a week. Leave Berwick every Monday noon, and arrive at Portsmouth by 5 P. M. Leave Portsmouth every Tuesday at 8 A. M. and arrive at Berwick by 1 P. M.

12. From Portsmouth by Dover, Rochester, Middletown, Ossippee, Moultonboro and Centre Harbour to Plymouth, and from Plymouth by New Hampton, Meredith, Gilmanton, Nottingham and Durhan to Portsmouth once a week. Leave Portsmouth every Monday at 2 P. M. arrive at Ossippee on Tuesday by 6 P. M. Leave Ossippee on Wednes. 6. A. M. arrive at Plymouth by 2 P. M. *Returning*—Leave Plymouth on Wednesday at 4 P. M. and arrive at Portsmouth on Friday by 6 P. M.

13. From Portsmouth by Exeter, Kingston, Haverhill, Ms. Andover, Ms. Woburn, Ms. and Medford, Ms. to Boston, Ms. three times a week. Leave Portsmouth every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5 A. M. and arrive at Boston the same days by 6 P. M. Leave Boston every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 5 A. M. and arrive at Portsmouth the same days by 7 P. M.

14. From Portsmouth by Exeter, Chester Londonderry, Amherst, Petersboro Marlboro & Keene to Walpole once a week. Leave Portsmouth every Tuesday at 9 A M arrive at Amherst on Wednesday at 7 P M.—Leave Amherst on Thursday at 5 A M and arrive at Walpole on Friday by 10 A M. *Returning*—Leave Walpole every Friday at 2 P M arrive at Amherst on Saturday by 6 P M. and at Portsmouth on Monday by 4 P M.

15. From Haverhill Ms. by Chester, Pembroke, Concord, Boscawen, Salisbury, Plymouth and Romney to Haverhill N H once a week. Leave Haverhill Ms. every Friday at 2 P M arrive at Chester by 5 P M at Concord on Saturday noon. Leave Concord at 6 P M arrive at Plymouth on Monday at 9 A M and at Haverhill N. H. by 6 P M. *Returning*—Leave Haverhill N H every Tuesday at 8 A M arrive at Plymouth by 3 P M leave Plymouth at 4 P M and arrive at Concord on Wednesday by 6 P M. Leave Concord on Thursday 10 A M arrive at Haverhill on Friday by 10 A M.

16. From Exeter by Newmarket, Durham and Dover, to Berwick Me. once a week. Leave Exeter every Tuesday at 6 A M and arrive at Berwick by 11 A M. *Returning*—Leave Berwick at 3 P M and arrive at Exeter by 7 P M.

IN MASSACHUSETTS.

17. From Salem to Gloucester twice a week. Leave Gloucester every Tuesday and Friday at 6 A. M. and arrive at Salem by 10. A. M. *Returning*—Leave Salem every Wednesday and Saturday by 2 P. M. and arrive at Gloucester by 7 P. M.

18. From Salem to Marblehead three times a week. Leave Salem every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10 A. M. and arrive at Marblehead by 11 A. M. Leave Marblehead same days at 1 P. M. and arrive at Salem by 2 P M.

19. From Boston by Quincey, Hingham, Hanover and Kingston to Plymouth twice a week. Leave Boston every Tuesday and Saturday at 6 A M and arrive at Plymouth by 5 P M. Leave Plymouth on Monday and Friday at 6 A M and arrive at Boston by 5 P M.

20. From Plymouth by Sandwich, Barnstable, Yarmouth, Dennis, Harwich, Chatham, Eastham, Wellfleet, Bellingsgate and Truro to Provincetown once a week. Leave Plymouth every Wednesday at 6 A M arrive at Sandwich by 10 A M. Leave Sandwich at 11 A M and arrive at Provincetown on Friday by noon. *Returning*—Leave Provincetown on Friday at 3 P M and arrive at Plymouth on Sunday by 6 P M.

21. From Sandwich by Falmouth and Holmes'shole to Edgartown once a week: contract to continue one year only. Leave Sandwich every Wednesday noon and arrive at Edgartown on Thursday by 1 P M. *Returning.*—Leave Edgartown every Thursday at 4 P M and arrive at Sandwich on Friday by 6 P M.

22. From Boston by Milton, Sharon, Bridgewater and Taunton to New Bedford three times a week.

May 1, *to November* 1.—Leave Boston every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9 P M and arrive at New Bedford the next days by 8 P M. Leave New Bedford every Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday at 9 P M and arrive at Boston the next days by 8 P M.

November 1, *to May* 1.—Leave Boston every Wednesday and Friday at 9 A M arrive at Taunton by 7 P M and at New Bedford on Thursday and Saturday by 7 P M. *Returning*—Leave New Bedford every Monday and Wednesday at 9 A M arrive at Taunton by 7 P M and arrive at Boston on Tuesday and Thursday by 7 P M.

23. From New Bedford to Nantucket, three times a week in summer and twice in winter.

May 1, *to November* 1—Leave New Bedford every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8 A M and arrive at Nantucket by 8 P M Leave Nantucket on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 8 A M and arrive at New-Bedford by 8 P M.

November 1 *to May* 1—Leave New Bedford on Monday and Friday at 8 A M and arrive at Nantucket by 8 P M—Leave Nantucket on Tuesday and Saturday at 8 A M and arrive at New Bedford by 8 P M.

24 From New Bedford to Newport once a week—Contract to be for one year only. Leave New Bedford every Monday at 6 A M and arrive at Newport by 4 P M—*Returning*—Leave Newport every Tuesday at 8 A M and arrive at New Bedford by 6 P M.

25 From Taunton by Dighton and Somerset to Warren R I once a week—Leave Taunton every Thursday at 6 P M and arrive at Warren on Friday by 9 A M—*Returning*—Leave Warren every Friday at noon and arrive at Taunton by 6 P M.

26. From Taunton by Rehoboth and Attleboro to Providence, once a week—Leave Taunton every Tuesday at 5 A M and arrive at Providence by 10 A M—Leave Providence on Tuesday by 2 P M and arrive at Taunton by 7 P M.

27. From Boston by Dedham, Wrentham, Attleboro, Providence R I Sictuate R I. Plainfield C. Norwich C. New-London C. Lyme C. Saybrook C. Killingworth C. Guilford C. and Branford C. to New-Haven C. three times a week.

May 1, *to November* 1—Leave Boston every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 9 A M and arrive at Providence by 5 P M. Leave Providence every Wednesday, Friday and Monday at 5 A M and arrive at Norwich by noon, at New London by 3 P M and at Saybrook by 8 P M. Leave Saybrook every Thursday, Saturday and Tuesday at 2 A M and arrive at New-Haven by 11 A M. *Returning*—Leave New-Haven every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at noon, arrive at Saybrook by 8 P M. Leave Saybrook every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday by 3 A M arrive at New London by 10 A M and at Providence by 8 P M. Leave Providence every Wednesday, Friday and Monday at 3 A M and arrive at Boston by 3 P M.

November 1, *to May* 1—Leave Boston every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8 A M and arrive at Providence by 6 P M. Leave Providence every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 4 A M and arrive at New London by 8 P M—Leave New London every Wednesday, Friday and Monday at 4 A M and arrive at Newhaven by 8 P M. *Returning*—Leave Newhaven every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 4 A M and arrive at New London by 8 P M. Leave New-London every Wednesday, Friday and Monday at 4 A M and arrive at Providence by 8 P M. Leave Providence every Thursday, Saturday and Tuesday at 4 A M and arrive at Boston by 4 P M.

28. From Boston by Charleston, Medford, Woburn, Billerica, Chelmsford and Tyngboro', Amherst, N.H. Francis-town, N. H. Washington, N. H. and Clermont, N. H. to Windsor, Vt. once a week. Leave Boston every Saturday at 9 *A. M.* and arrive at Windsor the next Tuesday by 10 *A. M.* Leave Windsor every Tuesday at 2 *P. M.* and arrive at Boston the next Monday by 3 *P. M.*

29. From Boston by Concord, Littleton, Groton, New Ipswich, N. H. Jaffray, N. H. Marlboro' N. H. Keen, N. H. and Chesterfield, N. H. to Brattleboro' Vt. once a week. Leave Boston Tuesday at 9 *A. M.* and arrive at Brattleboro' on Thursday by 7 *P. M.* Leave Brattleboro' every Friday at 2 *P. M.* and arrive at Boston the next Monday by 3 *P. M.*

30. From Concord by Lancaster, Leominster, Westminster, Templeman and Athol to Greenfield, once a week. Leave Concord every Wednesday at 6 *A. M.* and arrive at Greenfield on Friday by 10 *A. M.* Leave Greenfield every Friday at 2 *P. M.* and arrive at Concord on Sunday by noon.

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