

it without restraint, is a proposition so repugnant to all our notions of a community, and so subversive of all its principles, that it cannot be for a moment admitted.

But I need not pursue this subject further. If the question was one about which there could be any doubt, or if the former decisions of this court needed any vindication, it would be matter of regret that the late Chief Justice is not here to perform a service, to which his abilities and learning are so fully adequate. My only object has been to express our confidence in the correctness of the former decision of the court, and to make such references to sources of information as will enable those who may desire to investigate these questions for themselves, to do so. I am quite conscious of my want of ability and learning in the Spanish law to present the subject in a full and clear light.

The judgment of the court is reversed, and the cause remanded for further proceedings in conformity with this opinion.

NOTICES OF NEW BOOKS.

DECISIONS OF THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT IN PUBLIC LAND CASES, AND LAND LAWS PASSED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES; Together with the Regulations of the General Land Office. By W. W. LESTER, of the Interior Department, Washington, D. C. Philadelphia: H. P. & R. H. Small, Law Booksellers and Publishers, No. 21 S. Sixth Street. 1860. pp. 772.

This volume is one certainly much needed by all buyers and sellers of land in the newer states. It is divided into five parts: first, a selection of the laws of Congress in relation to public lands; second, the decisions of the Secretary of the Interior; third, the opinions of the Attorneys-general in full, upon questions under the land laws; fourth, the instructions of the Commissioner to the registers and receivers; fifth, notes of reference to the decisions of the Supreme Court on the land laws. This division seems natural and convenient, and the reader will here find what is not elsewhere collected in any form that is accessible to the profession, or laymen generally. We have been informed by gentlemen much more competent to pass judgment upon the volume than ourselves, that it is a manual of great practical value for all who have rights in the Public Domain.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE REPORTS, Vol. XXXIV. Comprising Cases adjudged in the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. By JOSEPH CASEY, State Reporter. Vol. X. Containing Cases decided in part of May Term, 1859, and in October Term, 1859. Philadelphia: Kay & Brother, Law Booksellers, Publishers and Importers, 19 South Sixth Street, east side. 1860.

KAY & BROTHER'S LAW CATALOGUE. Philadelphia, No. 19 South Sixth street. 1860.

We are again supplied with a new volume of Pennsylvania State Reports. The present reporter has now furnished us with ten volumes, and we have in this journal regularly noticed each accession to our legal literature. In a notice so brief as all notices of State Reports must here be, nothing more can be expected than the announcement of the publication, and some short note of its value. There is certainly no fault to be found with the manner in which the present reporter discharges his duty. The head notes are clear and accurate, and his index full and elaborately prepared, enabling the reader to have ready access to the contents of the volume itself.

We have thought that we should do our professional brethren a service by calling their attention to the Messrs. Kays' very late Law Catalogue, which is intended for gratuitous distribution. The copy sent to us is beautifully printed on tinted paper, sized, and in every respect quite equal to most English law publications in all its mechanical details. The catalogue itself contains a most useful list of American reports, statutes and digests, arranged in the order of the States, and will give every information as to the statutes and reports of the Federal and State tribunals which our readers can desire. It contains the dates, prices, number of volumes, and all such minute details as book buyers require. The index of abbreviations of American reports is a useful portion of the catalogue, and needs no commendation. It is more full than any yet printed. There is also an index to text books, giving under each general topic or legal head the names of the American books and authors in which or by whom the topic has been discussed or treated. The importance of accurate legal bibliography cannot be over estimated. It is in the experience of every lawyer, that he constantly requires the latest treatises upon branches of learning, and these he can only be informed about by just such publications as our friends, the Messrs Kay, have now gratuitously supplied.