

PREFACE.

FROM a consultation of the following pages, it will be observed that the penalties imposed during the years 1874 and 1875, occupy more than *four times* the space taken up for similar matter during the preceding four years, or exactly stated, 221 pages of this printed record against 52 pages in a total of 273 ; showing an average of office work for the past two years exactly *eight and a half times* as large as the average of the preceding four years.

The gradual enlargement of the necessary records, from year to year, is associated with a corresponding increase of accounts and transactions which must pass through the office, the nature of which necessitates the strictest care and accuracy in the administration of the details, and applied to the extraordinary volume of business incident to the matters of record herein reported, involves an amount of labor which is simply enormous and almost wholly hidden from the observation and knowledge of those most interested in its results.

The matter contained in the Record herewith, is so arranged as to exhibit each re-instatement, conspicuously in the margin and against the penalty to which it applies, thus affording ready means of ascertaining not only what penalties have been imposed and what removed, but precisely when and how each re-instatement was effected.

Separate indexes are presented of all the names of persons and horses appearing in the record, followed by an