

LEADING CASES ON MERCANTILE LAW by Chorley and Tucker. 4th. ed. by Lord Chorley and O. C. Giles. [1962 Butterworths & Co., London. xxxvi + 384 pp. inc. index.]

The fourth edition of Chorley and Tucker's *Leading Cases on Mercantile Law* will be welcomed by all teachers who are concerned to teach mercantile law to non-law students, for it is for such students that such a book is most valuable, and the book under review is undoubtedly the best casebook available for this purpose.

The most remarkable feature of this edition is that it is still described as "a companion work to Stevens' Mercantile Law." Just what are the criteria for a case book legitimately to be described as a companion work to a text have never been clearly defined, but it is difficult to think of any criteria that would justify the assertion that Chorley and Tucker is a companion work to Stevens. The current edition of Stevens (the thirteenth) has dropped all discussion of company law: Chorley and Tucker devote 28 pages and 13 leading cases to the subject. Quite apart from this comparison of the two works indicates that 34 of Chorley and Tucker's Leading Cases are not even cited in the current edition of Stevens, whilst of the cases cited in the notes to Chorley and Tucker under one half are cited in Stevens. They are both books on mercantile law, but that is about as far as the companionship goes.

The main changes which have been introduced into this edition are the deletion of the section dealing with the interpretation of the Statute of Frauds, and the addition of two new sections; one on carriage by air, and one on restrictive practices. In all 11 new cases have been added (five of which had already been included in the supplement to the third edition) and 9 leading cases have been dropped. The notes have been thoroughly revised some 60 new cases having been added, to replace some 40 cases reference to which has been dropped. All this has been accomplished with an overall increase in the size of the book of some 20 pages.

To cover in a mere 380 pages such a wide range of subjects, and to cover them so adequately is a remarkable achievement, and the fourth edition of this book can only enhance the reputation of Chorley and Tucker.

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