

CONSTITUTIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE LAW, 3rd. ed. By O. Hood Phillips, B.C.L., M.A. (Oxon.), J.P. [London: Sweet & Maxwell Ltd. 1962. xxxix + 828 pp. inc. index. £3.0.0d.]

This third edition of O. Hood Phillips' *Constitutional and Administrative Law* is possibly the best one volume work on this subject. It might be more appropriate to say, on these two subjects, since the change in title from the previous edition is for the purpose of reflecting a much greater attention to administrative law.

The new edition takes account not only of relevant cases since the last edition, but includes results of the Frank's Committee Report, the Tribunals and Enquiries Act, 1958, some discussion of the Ombudsman proposal in Britain, and other recent matters of administrative law.

The work no longer has chapters on individual Commonwealth countries for the reason that the author considers it inappropriate to include these countries in a textbook on British constitutional law. There are, however, very short summaries of those constitutions. These tend to run to about one page each, and are, therefore, extremely general in nature. They do have the usefulness of footnote citations and other references to more detailed works on the constitutions of the independent members of the Commonwealth.

Being a textbook, the work is most clearly directed to the student of constitutional law and history, but it may also usefully serve as a one volume reference for practitioners.