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Preface

The fourth edition of this work comes after a longer interval than those between earlier editions. On this occasion the work of revision has required extensive updating and amendment, rather than wholesale recasting in the light of any sweeping alterations in the structure of the law. Despite the absence of major legislative changes, we have in the intervening years seen the abandonment of the concept of 'community land' and the ripples (fast subsiding) that this has caused on the surface of politics. A number of Acts have been revised and consolidated; and developments in case law have continued apace, providing some interesting, though as a rule not very controversial, decisions in the courts.

I should like to express my appreciation once again of help and enlightenment obtained in discussions with colleagues, students and others. It may be that many people studying and practising in the field of public land law, viewing the subject from the standpoint of the private as well as the public sector, will continue to find the book useful—perhaps not least because of the diagrams, which I hope will illuminate points that may not be so easy to accept by verbal presentation alone.

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And Ahab spake unto Naboth, saying, 'Give me thy vineyard . . . and I will give thee . . . the worth of it in money'.

(1 Kings 21, v 2)

'The best way would be . . . to send 'em away with a flea in their ear, when they come spying and measuring,' said Solomon. . . . 'It's all a pretence . . . about their being forced to take one way. . . . And I don't believe in any pay to make amends for bringing a lot of ruffians to trample your crops. . . .'

'Brother Peter, God forgive him, got money out of a company', said Mrs Waule. 'But that was for the manganese. That wasn't for railways to blow you to pieces right and left.'

'Well, there's this to be said, Jane,' Mr Solomon concluded, lowering his voice in a cautious manner— 'the more spokes we put in their wheel, the more they'll pay us to let 'em go on. . . .'

(George Eliot *Middlemarch* ch 56)

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