

of the time as Attorney-General, returned to England where he was concerned in most of the important cases coming before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in reference to constitutional questions. In 1838 he published his Commentaries on Colonial and Foreign Laws. His learning as well as his experience gained as an advocate in connection with appeals from various parts of the British Empire gave him great familiarity with the different systems of law expounded in his book. Since it appeared, changes of the most far-reaching character have passed over the British Empire and the world. This has made necessary a re-casting of his work, and the editors in the volume before us describe generally the character of the different systems that underlie the jurisprudence of the legal world, and their relations to the present laws of the British dominions, and trace the outlines of the existing juridical constitutions of these dominions, exclusive of the United Kingdom, and discuss the position of tribunals which have been established in lands not forming an integral part of His Majesty's dominions. Appended to this volume is a tabulated statement shewing the conditions regarding appeals to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council from British Courts of justice outside the United Kingdom. This is an interesting table and gives a bird's eye view of the jurisdiction of the highest court of appeal for the outlying British possessions. It would have been convenient if there had been a table of contents, and some information a little more easily obtainable as to what its contents consist of.

This volume is introductory to the more detailed and expanded treatment of colonial and foreign laws and their conflicts with each other and with the law of England to be given in succeeding volumes. The aim of the editors is an ambitious one and the result of their labours in the volumes to follow will be looked for with great interest.

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