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PREFACE.

As matters stand at present, it is not easy for judicial officers, members of the bar, and legal practitioners to ascertain at a glance what points of law have, and what points have not, been authoritatively settled by the Calcutta High Court. Indeed, in many parts of the Mofussil, where complete legal reports are scarce and are often not be found, it often happens that decisions are at variance with Full Bench Rulings, and discussions arise upon points which have been finally decided.

The only proper mode of meeting the difficulty is to publish the Full Bench Decisions of the High Court, not in chronological order, but duly classified according to their subject matter. Such a work would, however, cost much time and trouble, and is not likely to be accomplished for some time to come.

At present, the only books which enable the searcher to ascertain, without reference to numerous volumes and indexes, the Full Bench dicta of the High Court, are Sutherland's Special Number and the "Indian Digest," recently compiled by Messrs. Cowell and Woodman. The former work is, however,

most incomplete as it extends only to July, 1864. The latter work contains so many Rulings collected from all parts of India, that it is no easy task to distinguish and select the Calcutta Full Bench Rulings, which alone are binding on the Courts of Lower Bengal.

Under such circumstances, this small compilation will, perhaps, prove acceptable, both to the public at large and to those whose duties are connected with judicial and forensic business. It does not pretend to do more than supply, temporarily, a much felt and real want—in short, it is a mere Vade Mecum prepared with the view of enabling the searcher to ascertain with ease and rapidity at what page of the voluminous Law Reports, now in existence, the Full Bench Rulings of the Calcutta High Court are to be found.

The classification adopted in this Index will, it is hoped, be found methodical and easy; the subjects are alphabetically arranged; and it has been sought to illustrate, whenever practicable, the sections and text of the laws at present existing.

The Full Bench Rulings of Benches consisting of less than three Judges have been marked with an asterisk; the Rulings which changes in the law have rendered obsolete have been omitted.

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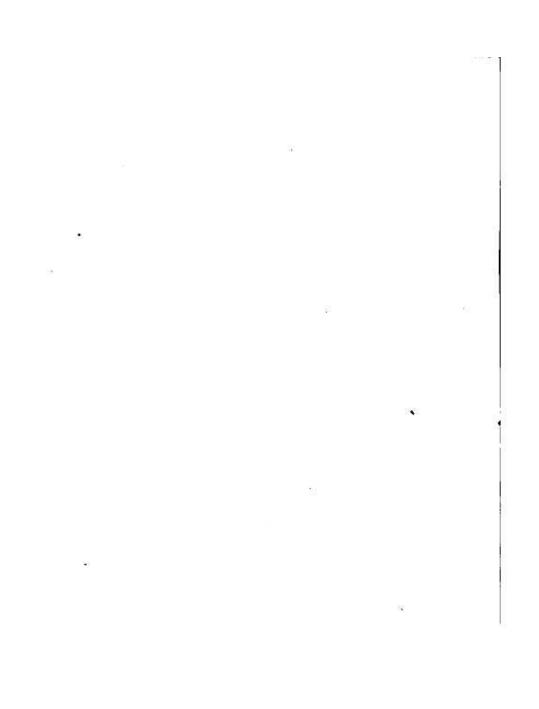
W. R .= Sutherland's Full Bench Ralings.

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ACT XIX. 1843.

(2). A deed of sale, registered under XIX. 1843 does not, Effect of priority of owing to the mere fact of registry, registry. invalidate a prior unregistered mortgage.—5 W. R. p. 61.

ACT I. 1845.

(3). An agreement by a former proprietor, amounting to

Example of encumbrance under I. 1845, chur lands in favor of an adjoining setate, is an encumbrance, void as against auction-purchasers, under Section 26, I. 1845.—

2 W. R. 191.