

P R E F A C E

WE owe an explanation to the learned profession for having abruptly stopped the publication of the INDIAN DECISIONS, OLD SERIES, even temporarily, as well as for the long delay that has inevitably occurred in returning to it again. Our learned constituents may be aware that the Government of India were pleased to give us, in 1913, permission to make *verbatim* reprints of the Indian Law Reports series from 1876 to 1900. We were so anxious to finish these reprints and place them within the easy reach of all practitioners, in the shortest possible period, that we had quite reluctantly to postpone the publication of the INDIAN DECISIONS, OLD SERIES, in order to ensure this result. Now that we have finished the work of the reprints of the I.L.R. referred to above we proceed again with the publication of the INDIAN DECISIONS, OLD SERIES, and hope that we shall henceforth be able to progress with it uninterruptedly and to finish the same at an early date.

The public may remember that we stopped the publication of the Indian Decisions, Old Series, after the issue of Vol. VIII thereof. We now beg to place before them Vol. IX of the Series, in which the decisions reported in Vols. II and III of the *Sudder Dewanny Adawlut Reports of Bengal* are reproduced.

When we took up the printing of these two *Sudder* volumes, we found to our great surprise that none of the cases therein reported contained head-notes or catch-words. We at once realised the difficulty our constituents would have to feel by the perpetuation in our Indian Decisions, Old Series, of this defect in the original reports. Consequently, we hastened to arrange to supply this important omission and have been getting our own head-notes, etc., prepared for each case reported in these

Reports. The work is not a very easy one and we hope the learned public will appreciate the great trouble and labour we have put forth in this respect with the intention of facilitating their search for authorities and principles.

The learned profession might themselves have observed that the Supreme and Sudder Court decisions are at present more frequently cited than before, a fact whose explanation seems to us at least undoubtedly to lie in their being now easily available to the profession for a small price. We are much gratified that it was providentially given to us also, however humble the part we have played may be, to contribute to bring about this happy result. We hope that the legal public will be kind enough to welcome the recommencement of this publication and to extend their unstinted patronage to it.

It is needless to add that two tables of cases and a copious subject index are appended to the book, as usual.

In conclusion, we may, in answer to the many queries of our learned constituents, here state that we propose to issue, on the completion of the Indian Decisions, Old Series, a full and analytical digest of all the decisions reprinted in it.

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