

FOREWORD

In recent years the Indian Law Institute has been taking interest in the comparative study of law. We brought out, two years ago, an introduction to the study of comparative law. It was followed by a study of reforms in family law in the Muslim world. Now with this monograph, we tread new ground by attempting a comparative study of two legal systems, the English and the French.

The book deals with judicial organization in French India. To the common law lawyer in India who is interested in the comparative study of legal systems, this study of a judicial set-up which maintained its own identity at his door steps may be of great interest. In a shrinking world, where one may look for harmonization of institutions, comparative study of laws may prove to be of immense value. Understanding of other people's laws, as of their ways in general, is a necessary prelude to understanding them before any such harmonization could come into fruition. The present study is intended to be just one step towards such harmonization.

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