

# THE INDIAN CONSTITUTION

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## PREFACE.

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A study of the Indian Constitution includes a study of the constitutional history of India since the advent of the East India Company. I have tried to bring out in this book the salient features of the constitutional developments in India up to the present day. The nucleus of Indian Constitutional History is the Regulating Act which introduced for the first time a form of Government for the Company's first acquisitions. Beginning from the Regulating Act I have concluded with the Third Round Table Conference which is the latest development as regards proposals for change in the present Indian Constitution. I feel therefore that I have in the course of this small and handy book covered the entire ground of the Indian Constitution.

In particular, I have got to mention three important treatises to which any writer on the Indian Constitution has necessarily to refer. Ilbert's "Government of India" is perhaps the standard treatise on the historical development of the Indian Constitution till 1909. Cowell's "Courts and Legislative authorities in India" is also important as his Tagore Law lectures give an excellent account of the Judiciary in India. Lastly the Simon Commission Report Vol. 1

is a mine of information regarding the working of the constitution as is obtained since the Government of India Act of 1919.

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