

THE CONTEMPT OF COURTS ACT.

[INDIA ACT XII, 1926.] (1st May, 1926.)

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Power of High Court to punish contempts of Court.

2. The High Court shall have and exercise the same jurisdiction, powers and authority, in accordance with the same procedure and practice, in respect of contempts of Courts subordinate to it as it has and exercises in respect of contempts of itself:

Provided that the High Court shall not take cognizance of a contempt alleged to have been committed in respect of a Court subordinate to it where such contempt is an offence punishable under the Penal Code.

3. Save as otherwise expressly provided by any law for the time being in force, a contempt of Court may be punished with simple imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine, which may extend to two thousand rupees, or with both :

Limit of punishment for contempt of Court.

Provided that the accused may be discharged or the punishment awarded may be remitted on apology being made to the satisfaction of the Court:

Provided further that notwithstanding anything elsewhere contained in any law the High-Court shall not impose a sentence in excess of that specified in this section for any contempt either in respect of itself or of a Court subordinate to it.