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## **Finding Aid to the Digest of the Laws of Kingdoms of the Indies MS.845**

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**Abstract:** This is a typed translation of the *Recopilacion de Leyes de los Reynos de las Indias, tomo Sugundo*, Madrid, 1756, second edition made by Charles Fletcher Lummis at an unknown date.

**creator:** Lummis, Charles Fletcher, 1859-1928.

**Scope and Contents**

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**Note**

The Laws of the Indies (Spanish: Leyes de Indias) are the entire body of laws issued by the Spanish Crown for its American and Philippine possessions of its empire. They regulated social, political and economic life in these areas. The laws are composed of myriad decrees issued over the centuries and the important laws of the 16th century, which attempted to regulate the interactions between the settlers and natives, such as the Laws of Burgos (1512) and the New Laws (1542). Throughout the 500 years of Spanish presence in these parts of the world, the laws were compiled several times, most notably in 1680 under Charles II in the *Recopilación de las Leyes de los Reynos de Indias* (Compilation of the Laws of the Kingdoms of the Indies), which became the classic collection of the laws, despite the fact that later laws superseded parts of it and other compilations were issued. The 1680 compilation set the template by which the laws were organized.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

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