BOOK NOTES


This Check List of American Laws is limited to the printed laws, charters, and constitutions, issued before 1801, of the English colonies and territories which subsequently became the United States of America. This compilation was prepared to serve as a bibliographical reference and is complete for the period that it covers. It should prove of great value to students of early American law. The laws and kindred materials are arranged chronologically under the following classifications:

I. British American Colonies in general
II. United Colonies and United States
   1. Laws and resolves
   2. Articles of Confederation
   3. Constitution
   4. Collections of colonial charters and state constitutions


The Illinois Annotations will make the American Law Institute's Restatement of the Law of Contracts a valuable syllabus for the practitioner. But if the purpose of the Restatement was to encourage a uniformity in the laws of the various states, the state annotations will have a tendency to defeat that purpose. From the annotations we may find, on occasion, where Illinois disagrees with the Restatement; then, perhaps with a feeling of regret, we will succumb to the force of the Illinois law and dismiss the Restatement as idealistic. That, however, will not detract from the practical value of the annotations. The outline of the original Restatement is followed, and a brief statement is given of the factual or topical contents of the cases listed. Differentia-

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tions are made and commented on. Together with the Restatement, the Illinois Annotations will find a place on the shelf beside digests and encyclopedias.