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Passed by the Governor General of India in Council, on the 30th April 1852.

To avoid doubts as to the validity of certain decisions in summary suits for arrears of rent, and of certain sales of Putnee Talooks and other saleable tenures.

WHEREAS by Regulation VIII. of 1831, of the Bengal Code, the hearing and decision of summary suits or claims relating to arrears or exactions of rents were transferred from the Judges of the Zillah or City Courts to the Collectors of the several Districts; and whereas by Regulation VII. of 1832, of the Bengal Code, the superintendence of the sales of Putnee Talooks and other saleable tenures of the class specified in Clause 1, Section VIII. Regulation VIII. of 1819, of the same Code, was transferred to the Collector or Deputy Collector of Land Revenue, or Head Assistant to the Collector or Deputy Collector, subject to an appeal as therein provided; and whereas by Act VIII. of 1835 the conduct of sales of Talooks or other saleable tenures in execution of summary decrees for rent, in conformity with Regulation VII, of 1799 of the same Code, was transferred to the Collectors of Land Revenue; and whereas doubts have been entertained in some instances as to the District within which such summary suits or claims should have been decided, and such sales made, by reason that the jurisdiction of the several Zillah and City Courts

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is not conterminous with the jurisdiction of the several Collectors of Land Revenue, It is enacted as follows:

I. No order or decision already made in any such summary suit, and no such sale as aforesaid, already made, which has not been questioned before a Court of competent judicature before the passing of this Act, on the ground of having been decided or made by a Collector of Land Revenue, his deputy or duly authorized assistant, having no jurisdiction therein, shall be liable to be annulled or disputed on that ground.