

PREFACE

Kolhapur, as an independent state, continued to exist from ¹⁷¹⁰1710 to 1826, when the British imposed its authority over Kolhapur State. In this period, the judicial system of Kolhapur was essentially traditional. The changes made by British government were not revolutionary. The real and significant changes in Kolhapur state were made by Rajarshi Shahu Chhatrapati(1894-1922).

In the present dissertation an attempt has been made to study judicial administration in Kolhapur from 1894 to 1922. The present study focuses on the following aspects of judicial administration : Civil justice, Criminal justice, judicial principles and practices, police and jail. The special emphasis is given on the socio-economic legislation of the period, which is supposed to be the greatest contribution of Rajarshi Shahu Chhatrapati of Kolhapur.

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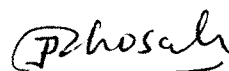
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