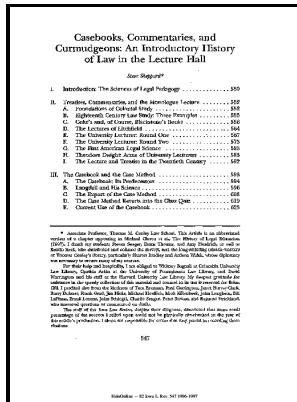


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But in conquered or ceded countries, that have already laws of their own, the king may indeed alter and change those laws; but, till he does actually change them, the ancient laws of the country remain, unless such as are against the law of God, as in the case of an infidel country. As in Portugal, under king Edward, about the beginning of the fifteenth century. And, moreover, all special customs must submit to the king's prerogative.

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