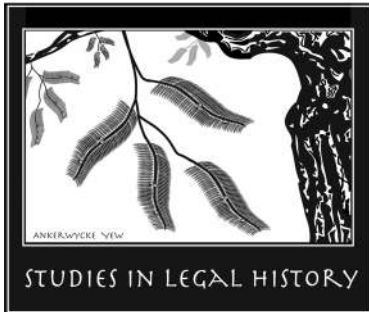


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Franz Kafka, *The Problem of Our Laws*

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Abbreviations

AAI	Archivo Anexo I, in AGN
ACC	Archivo Central del Cauca (Popayán, Colombia)
ACCR	Archivo de la Casa de la Convención de Rionegro (Rionegro-Antioquia, Colombia)
ACH	Academia Colombiana de Historia, in AGN
ACHSC	<i>Anuario Colombiano de Historia Social y de la Cultura</i>
AGI	Archivo General de Indias (Seville, Spain)
AGN	Archivo General de la Nación (Bogotá, Colombia)
AGS	Archivo General de Simancas (Simancas, Spain)
AHA	Archivo Histórico de Antioquia (Medellín, Colombia)
AHC	Archivo Histórico de Cali (Cali, Colombia)
AHCI	Archivo Histórico de Cartagena de Indias (Cartagena de Indias, Colombia)
ANE	Archivo Nacional del Ecuador (Quito, Ecuador)
BLAA	Biblioteca Luis Ángel Arango (Bogotá, Colombia)
C	Colonia, in AGN
CGE	Centro Geográfico del Ejército (Madrid, Spain)
DA	<i>Diccionario de Autoridades</i> 1st ed. 1726-1739. Madrid: Real Academia Española, Gredos, 2002, 3 vols.
DHPC	<i>Documentos para la historia de la Provincia de Cartagena de Indias, hoy Estado Soberano de Bolívar en la Unión Colombiana</i> , Manuel Ezequiel Corrales, ed. Bogotá: Imprenta de Medardo Rivas, 1883, 2 vols.
DRLJ	Joaquín Escriche, <i>Diccionario razonado de legislación y jurisprudencia</i> . Paris: Garnier Hermanos, 1869.
FHL	Family History Library (Salt Lake City, Utah-USA)

HRC	José Manuel Restrepo, <i>Historia de la revolución de la república de Colombia en la América meridional</i> 1st ed., Paris, 1827, 2nd ed., Besançon, 1858. Medellín: Universidad de Antioquia, 2009, 2 vols.
JC	Juicios Criminales, in AGN
NEA	Negros y Esclavos de Antioquia, in AGN
NEB	Negros y Esclavos de Bolívar, in AGN
NEC	Negros y Esclavos del Cauca, in AGN
RCD	<i>Rebelión comunera de 1781. Documentos</i> , Juan Friede, ed. Bogotá: Instituto Colombiano de Cultura, 1981, 2 vols.
TLC	Sebastián de Cobarruvias Orozco, <i>Tesoro de la lengua Castellana, o Española</i> . Madrid: Luis Sánchez, impresor del Rey N. S., 1611.