

EXAMPLE OF INTERPRETATION

INDIA PENAL CODE, 1860

ORIGINAL TEXT FOR LITERAL OR GRAMMATICAL INTERPRETATION

27. Property in possession of wife, clerk or servant

When property is in the possession of a person's wife, clerk or servant, on account of that person, it is in that person's possession within the meaning of this Code.

Explanation: A person employed temporarily on a particular occasion in the capacity of a clerk, or servant, is a clerk or servant within the meaning of this section.

CONTEXTUAL INTERPRETATION OF CLAUSES IN SECTION 27

1. when property is in the possession of a wife of a person (*Adverb clause of time, modifying "is" in 3*)
2. who is clerk or servant (*Adjective clause, qualifying, "a person" in 1*)
3. on account of that person, it is in that person's possession within the meaning of this Code (*Main clause*)
4. **explanation**, a person is a clerk or servant within the meaning of this section (*Main clause*)
5. who is employed temporarily on a particular occasion in the capacity of a clerk, or servant, (*Adjective clause, qualifying "a person" in 4*)

CLASSIFICATION OF SECTION 27: It contains two main clauses and three subordinate clauses.