

The Indian Penal Code 1860

Section 71 - LIMIT OF PUNISHMENT OF OFFENCE MADE UP OF SEVERAL OFFENCES Where anything which is an offence is made up of parts, any

a) A give Z fifty strokes with a stick. Here A may have committed the offence of voluntarily causing hurt to Z by the whole beating, and also by each of the blows which make up the whole beating. If A were liable to punishment for every blow, he might be imprisoned for fifty years, one for each blow. But he is liable only to one punishment for the whole beating. (b) But if, while A is beating Z, Y interferes and A intentionally strikes Y, here as the blow given to Y is no part of the act whereby A voluntarily causes hurt to Z, A is liable to one punishment for voluntarily causing hurt to Z and to another for the blow given to Y.