



No. 30.—A COURT SCENE.

THE presiding magistrate occupies the bench, and on either side are his clerks. The prosecutor, who, in this instance, holds some small official preferment, is seated to the right of the picture, and the accused are making their statements with profuse *kow-tow*ing. Shut out by the limits of the picture is a crowd of lictors, yamun followers, coolies,

and what not, who press and jostle their superiors, as though in Chiua as well as in America, every one were as good as his neighbour, and better too. The court-room is dirty and ill-furnished, and there is a total absence of pomp about the whole procedure, no matter how important it may be.