

4. If any person approaches, or is in the neighbourhood of, any such building, place or property as is mentioned in section 2, in circumstances which afford reason to believe that he intends to contravene that section, he shall be deemed to have attempted a contravention thereof.

5. No person shall interfere with or damage or without permission remove any stores or equipment or other property whatsoever belonging to or consigned to the Burma Forces or the Forces of a Power in alliance with the Union of Burma.

6. If any person contravenes any of the provisions of this Act, he shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to seven years, or with fine, or with both.

7. Any person who attempts to contravene, or abets, or attempts to abet, or does any act preparatory to, a contravention of, any of the provisions of this Act shall be deemed to have contravened that provision.

THE BANKERS' BOOKS (INSPECTION) ACT.

[BURMA ACT XLVI, 1947.] (9th August, 1947.)

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It is hereby enacted as follows :—

1. This Act shall remain in force until the President of the Union, by notification, declares it to be no longer in force.

2. The expressions "bank" and "certified copy" shall have the same meaning as is defined in the Bankers' Books Evidence Act.

3. Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law, where any person is arrested or detained [or where an order of arrest has been issued against any person]¹ under section 5 (1), 5A (1) or section 5A (1) read with section 7 of the Public Order (Preservation) Act, 1947, the Inspector-General of Police or the Commissioner of Police, Rangoon, may, if he thinks it fit to do so,—

- (a) inspect or cause, in writing, to be inspected, by an officer not below the rank of District Superintendent of Police whose name is specified therein, any book belonging to or under the control of a bank ;
- (b) direct the manager or agent of the bank to supply a certified copy of any entry in the book of the bank or give any information in the possession of the bank, relating to the account of such person ;
- (c) prohibit the manager or agent of the bank from making any payment from the amount standing to the credit of such person without an order in writing of the officer making the prohibition.

3A. Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force, where any person subject to the Burma Army Act, the Burma Naval Discipline Act, 1947, or the Burma Air Force (Discipline) Act, 1947, is charged with an offence and taken into custody, or where an order of arrest has been issued against any such person, under section 25 (a), 25 (b), 25 (c), 25 (d), 25 (e), 25 (f), 26 (c), 27 (a), 27 (b), 27 (c), 29, 30 (d), 31 (a), 31 (b), 31 (c), 31 (d), 31 (e), 31 (f), 35 (a), 35 (b), 35 (f), 36 (c), 36 (d), 39 (g) or section 41 of the Burma Army Act, under section 3 (3), 8, 11, 13, 20 (1), 29, 31, 34, 36, 40, 42 or section 44 of the

¹ Inserted by Act XXXVII, 1949.

² Inserted by Act XLI, 1951.

Burma Naval Discipline Act, 1947, or under section 31 (d), 31 (g), 34 (a), 34 (b), 38, 44 (a), 44 (d), 49 (a), 49 (d), 49 (e), 50 (c), 50 (d), 53 (a), 53 (d), 53 (f) or section 54 (g) of the Burma Air Force (Discipline) Act, 1947, the General Officer Commanding, Burma Army, the Chief of Naval Staff, or the Chief of Air Staff, as the case may be, may, if he thinks fit to do so,—

- (a) inspect or cause, in writing, to be inspected, by an officer subject to the Burma Army Act, the Burma Naval Discipline Act, 1947, or the Burma Air Force (Discipline) Act, 1947, not below the rank of Field Officer, Lieutenant-Commander or Squadron-Leader whose name is specified therein, any book belonging to or under the control of a bank ;
- (b) direct the manager or agent of the bank to supply any document, negotiable instrument, or a certified copy of an entry in the book of the bank, or give any information in the possession of the bank, relating to the account of such person ;
- (c) prohibit the manager or agent of the bank from making any payment from the amount standing to the credit of such person without an order in writing of the officer making the prohibition.

4. If the manager or agent of a bank, as the case may be, fails or refuses to allow inspection of any book belonging to or under the control of the bank or comply with any direction or prohibition issued under section 3, he shall be liable to punishment with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years, or with fine, or with both.

THE ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES AND SERVICES ACT.

[BURMA ACT XLVII, 1947.] (1st August, 1947.)

It is hereby enacted as follows :—

1. This Act shall come into force on the first day of August, 1947, and shall remain in force until the President of the Union, by notification, directs that it shall cease to be in force.

2. In this Act, the expression—

- (a) "undertaking" means any undertaking by way of trade or business or to provide any public service ;
- (b) "cattle" means bulls, bullocks, cows, calves, buffaloes (male and female) and buffalo calves.

3. The President of the Union may, so far as appears to him to be expedient for maintaining supplies and services essential to the life of the community, by order provide—

- (1) for regulating or prohibiting the production, treatment, keeping, storage, movement, transport, distribution, disposal, acquisition, use or consumption of things of any description ;
- and, in particular, for prohibiting the withholding from sale, either generally or to specified persons, of things kept for sale, and for requiring things kept for sale to be sold either generally or to specified persons or classes of persons or in specified circumstances ;