

(2) The delivery of possession of the requisitioned land, building, part of a building, or other premises to the person specified in an order made under sub-section (1) shall be a full discharge of the President of the Union from all liability in respect of such delivery, but shall not prejudice any rights in respect of the said land, building, part of a building or other premises which any other person may be entitled by due process of law to enforce against the person to whom possession of the said land, building, part of a building or other premises is so delivered.

(3) Where the person to whom possession of any requisitioned land, building, part of a building or other premises is to be given cannot be found and has no agent or other person empowered to accept delivery on his behalf, the President of the Union shall cause a notice, declaring that the said land, building, part of a building or other premises is released from requisition, to be affixed on some conspicuous part of the said land, building, part of the building or other premises and publish the notice in the Gazette.

(4) When notice referred to in sub-section (3) is published in the Gazette, the land, building, part of a building or other premises specified in such notice shall cease to be subject to requisition on and from the date of such publication and be deemed to have been delivered to the person entitled to possession thereof; and the President of the Union shall not be liable for any compensation or other claim in respect of the said land, building, part of a building or other premises for any period after the said date.

7. The provisions of this Act shall be deemed to supersede the provisions of all other laws in so far as the latter are inconsistent with or repugnant to the provisions of this Act.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES PROTECTION ACT.

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

It is hereby enacted as follows :—

1. This Act shall be deemed to have come into force with effect from the first day of August 1947.

2. No person shall do any act with intent to impair the efficiency or impede the working of, or to cause damage to—

- (a) any buildings, vehicle, machinery, apparatus or other property used, or intended to be used, for the purposes of Government;
- (b) any railway (as defined in the Railways Act), tramway, road, canal, bridge, culvert, causeway, port, dockyard, lighthouse, aerodrome, or telegraph (as defined in the Burma Telegraph Act);
- (c) any rolling-stock of a railway or tramway, any vessel or aircraft;
- (d) any building or other property used in connection with the production, distribution or supply of any essential commodity, any sewage works, mine or factory.

3. The provisions of section 2 shall apply in relation to any omission on the part of a person to do anything which he is under a duty, either to Government or to any public authority or to any person, to do, as they apply to the doing of any act by a person.

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.