THE INSEIN JAIL SHOOTING INCIDENT ENQUIRY COMMITTEE ACT, 1947.

[Burma Act No. XII of 1947.]

(11th March 1947)

WHEREAS it is necessary that the Insein Jail Shooting Incident Enquiry Committee should have powers to enforce attendance of witnesses and generally to compel the production of evidence; and whereas by Proclamation, dated the tenth day of December, 1942, the Governor of Burma has assumed to himself all powers vested by or under the Government of Burma Act, 1935, in the Legislature or in either Chamber thereof;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the said powers, it is hereby enacted by the Governor of Burma as follows—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Insein Jail Shooting Incident Enquiry Committee Act, 1947.

(2) It shall remain in force until the Governor, by notification, declares it to be no longer in force.

(3) It shall extend to the whole of British Burma.

2. "The Insein Jail Shooting Incident Enquiry Committee" means the Committee that has been appointed by the Governor of Burma by a resolution in the Judicial Department, dated the 21st of February 1947.

3. The Insein Jail Shooting Incident Enquiry Committee shall, without prejudice to any other powers, have the powers which are vested in a Court under the Code of Civil Procedure in respect of the following matters:—

(a) discovery and inspection,
(b) enforcing the attendance of witnesses and requiring the deposit of their expenses,
(c) compelling the production of documents and impounding the same,
(d) examining witnesses on oath,
(e) granting adjournments,
(f) reception of evidence taken on affidavits, and
(g) issuing commissions for the examination of witnesses,

and may summon and examine suo motu any person whose evidence appears to them to be material; and shall be deemed to be a Civil Court within the meaning of sections 480 and 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

4. For the purposes of enforcing the attendance of witnesses, the local limits of the Committee's jurisdiction shall be the limits of British Burma.

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