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THE STATE PROPERTY PROTECTION ACT, 1947 of S. 1.

[BURMA ACT No. XLIII OF 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. If any person finds any article as to which he has reasonable cause to believe that it has been lost or abandoned, and that, prior to loss or abandonment, it was used or intended to be used for the purposes of any armed force or was in the possession of a person who was serving with an armed force, the person, so finding the articles—

- (a) shall report the nature and situation thereof, or, if the article is a document, cause it to be delivered, to some member of His Majesty's forces on duty in the neighbourhood or to the officer-in-charge of a police station in the neighbourhood ; or if the article is found outside British Burma, shall take such steps as are practicable to secure that the nature and situation thereof are reported, or, if the article is a document, that it is delivered as soon as may be, to some person in His Majesty's service ; and
- (b) shall not, save as aforesaid, remove or tamper with the article except with the permission of the Governor.

3. The Governor may by notified order direct that the obligations and restrictions imposed by section 2 shall not apply in relation to any such description of articles as may be specified therein or as may be specified by a prescribed authority or person.

4. If any person contravenes any of the provisions of section 2, he shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months or with fine or with both.

5. (1) If any person is found in unauthorized possession of any stores or equipment or any other property whatsoever belonging to or consigned to His Majesty's forces or a Power in alliance with His Majesty or belonging to or consigned to the Government of Burma or to the Civil Supplies Board, Burma, or the Board of Management for Civil Supplies, he shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to seven years, or with whipping, or with both imprisonment and whipping, and shall also be liable to fine.

(2) In any prosecution under sub-section (1) the burden of proving that the possession is authorized shall lie on the person in whose possession any such stores, equipment or other property is found.

6. 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.

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