

I assent,

W. L. HEAPE,

Officer Administering
the Government.

8th October, 1949.

ORDINANCE No. 22 OF 1949.

AN ORDINANCE to make provision for the payment of fees in respect of matters and things done in the colony under the British Nationality Act, 1948, for offences committed in the colony in connection with that Act and for offences in relation to Passports. A.D. 1949.

[15th October, 1949].

Be it enacted by the Governor of British Guiana, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the British Nationality Ordinance, 1949. Short Title.

2. (1) The Governor in Council may, in respect of matters and things done in the Colony under the British Nationality Act, 1948, or any Act amending the same or under any Regulations for the time being in force thereunder, make Regulations prescribing the fees to be taken and the public officers or other persons to whom such fees shall be payable. Fees under the British Nationality Act, 1948, and

the Regulations made thereunder.

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Geo. 6, c.
56.

Offences in the Colony under the British Nationality Act, 1948, and the Regulations made thereunder.

11 & 12
Geo. 6, c.
56.

Forgery of passport and other offences.

Cap. 17.

No. 15 of
1937.

(2) Where fees under this section are payable to a public officer they shall, when received by him, be paid by him to the Colonial Treasurer for the public use of the Colony.

3. (1) Any person who for the purpose of procuring anything to be done or not to be done under the British Nationality Act, 1948, or any Act amending the same, or under any Regulations for the time being in force thereunder, makes in the Colony any statement which he knows to be false in a material particular, or recklessly makes in the Colony any statement which is false in a material particular, shall be guilty of an offence and on summary conviction thereof shall be liable to imprisonment for three months.

(2) Any person who fails to comply with any requirement imposed on him by Regulations made under the British Nationality Act, 1948, or any Act amending the same with respect to the delivering up of certificates of naturalisation shall be guilty of an offence and on summary conviction thereof shall be liable to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars.

4. (1) Every person who—

- (a) forges a passport; or
- (b) utters a passport knowing it to be forged; or
- (c) for the purpose of procuring a passport whether for himself or any other person, makes a statement which is to his knowledge untrue,—

shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable—

- (i) on summary conviction thereof to a penalty of two hundred and fifty dollars or to imprisonment for six months; and
- (ii) on conviction thereof on indictment to a penalty of five hundred dollars or to imprisonment for two years or to both such penalty and imprisonment.

(2) In this section the expression "forgery" has the same meaning as it has in section two hundred and thirty-nine A of the Criminal Law (Offences) Ordinance, as enacted by section nine of the Criminal Law (Amendment) Ordinance, 1937.