

I assent,
ALFRED SAVAGE,

Governor,

5th August, 1954.

ORDINANCE No. 30 OF 1954.

AN ORDINANCE further to amend the law with respect to the administration of criminal justice and otherwise to amend the criminal law.

7th August, 1954.

ENACTED by the Legislature of British Guiana:—

A.D. 1954.

Short title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Criminal Justice Ordinance, 1954.

PART I.

To be construed with Cap 13.

2. This Part of this Ordinance shall be construed and read as one with the Summary Jurisdiction (Offences) Ordinance, hereinafter referred to as the Principal Ordinance, and any Ordinance amending the same.

Amendment of sections 88 and 89 of the Principal Ordinance. No. 21 of 1932.

3. Sections eighty-eight and eighty-nine of the Principal Ordinance as amended by section three of the Criminal Justice Ordinance, 1932, are hereby further amended—

- (a) by the substitution of the words and full stop “for a term not exceeding twelve months.” for the words and colon “for six months:” where they appear in each of those sections; and
- (b) by the repeal of the proviso to each of those sections.

Amendment of section 3 of the Criminal Justice Ordinance, 1932.

4. Section three of the Criminal Justice Ordinance, 1932, is hereby amended by the substitution of the words “two hundred dollars” for the words “one hundred dollars”.

No. 21 of 1932. Prohibition on taking photographs etc. in court.

PART II.

5. (1) No person shall—

- (a) take or attempt to take in any court any photograph, or with a view to publication make or attempt to make in any court any portrait or sketch, of any person, being a judge, registrar, magistrate, or coroner of the court or a juror or a witness in or a party to any proceedings before the court, whether civil or criminal; or
- (b) publish any photograph, portrait or sketch taken or made in contravention of the foregoing provisions of this section or any reproduction thereof;

and if any person acts in contravention of any of the provisions of this section he shall, on summary conviction thereof, be liable in respect of each offence to a fine not exceeding two hun-

dred and fifty dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months.

(2) For the purposes of this section a photograph, portrait or sketch shall be deemed to be a photograph, portrait or sketch taken or made in court if it is taken or made in the courtroom or in the building or in the precincts of the building in which the court is held, or if it is a photograph, portrait or sketch taken or made of the person while he is entering or leaving the courtroom or any such building or precincts as aforesaid.

(3) In this section—

“court” means any court of justice including any place where an inquest or inquiry is being held by a coroner;

“judge” means a judge of the Supreme Court sitting with or without a jury or in Chambers;

“registrar” means the Registrar of the Supreme Court and includes any person lawfully discharging the functions of the Registrar in reference to any cause or matter in the Supreme Court and the Clerk of any court;

the expressions “coroner”, “inquest” and “inquiry” shall have the respective meanings assigned to them by section two of the Coroner’s Ordinance.