



I assent.

Officer Administering
the Government.

22nd June, 1955.

BRITISH GUIANA.

ORDINANCE No. 23 OF 1955.

AN ORDINANCE further to amend the Supreme Court of Judicature Ordinance.

Enacted by the Legislature of British Guiana :—

A.D. 1955.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Supreme Court of Judicature (Amendment) Ordinance, 1955, and shall be construed and read as one with the Supreme Court of Judicature Ordinance, hereinafter referred to as the Principal Ordinance, and any Ordinance amending the same.

Short title.
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Repeal and re-enactment of section 6 of the Principal Ordinance. No. 32 of 1936.

2. Section six of the Principal Ordinance as substituted by section two of the Supreme Court of Judicature (Amendment) Ordinance, 1936, and amended from time to time, is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

“Constitution of the Court. 6. (1) The Court shall consist of not more than six judges, of whom one shall be called the Chief Justice of British Guiana and President of the Court, and the other or others shall be called the Puisne Judge or Puisne Judges of British Guiana.

(2) The puisne judges if more than one shall rank between themselves according to the date of their respective appointments.

(3) The Court shall be deemed to be duly constituted during and notwithstanding any vacancy in the office, or absence from the Colony, of any judge.”

Amendment of section 8 of the Principal Ordinance.

3. Section eight of the Principal Ordinance as amended from time to time is hereby further amended by the substitution for subsections (1) and (2) thereof of the following —

“(1) There shall be and there is hereby granted to Her Majesty and her heirs and successors, the annual sum of twelve thousand five hundred pounds sterling, equivalent at the rate of four shillings and two pence sterling to the dollar, to the sum of sixty thousand dollars, for the purposes in this section hereafter set forth.

(2) Out of that annual sum, there shall be paid annually to the Chief Justice a salary not exceeding two thousand five hundred pounds and to each puisne judge a salary not exceeding two thousand pounds and any part of that annual sum not applied in payment of those salaries shall lapse to the Colony.”

Amendment of section 11(4) (b) of the Principal Ordinance. No. 32 of 1936.

4. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section eleven of the Principal Ordinance as amended by section four of the Supreme Court of Judicature (Amendment) Ordinance, 1936, is hereby further amended by the substitution for the words “first puisne judge” of the words “judge who ranks first by priority of appointment”.

Commencement of section 3 of this Ordinance.

5. Section three of this Ordinance shall be deemed to have come into operation on the 1st January, 1954.

Passed by the Legislative Council this fifteenth day of June, nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

J. A. Spurr
Clerk of the Legislature.

(C.S.M.P.C:) 117/5/2)
(Leg. Bill No. 23/1955).