



I assent.

*P. M. Lewis*

Governor.

31<sup>st</sup> October, 1955.

## BRITISH GUIANA.

ORDINANCE No. 44 OF 1955.

AN ORDINANCE to confirm and validate all acts done in the purported exercise or performance of any right, power or duty as Justices of the Peace of certain persons between the 1st January, 1954 and the 31st December, 1954, and between the 1st January, 1955 and the commencement of this Ordinance.

Enacted by the Legislature of British Guiana:—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Justices of the Peace (Validation of Acts) Ordinance, 1955.

2. In this Ordinance —

“the Ordinance” means the Summary Jurisdiction (Magistrates) Ordinance.

3. Notwithstanding any failure to comply with any of the requirements of subsection (3) of section 17 or of subsection (1) of section 18 of the Ordinance and notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (2) of section 18 of the Ordinance, all rights, powers and duties exercised or performed or purported to be exercised or performed between the 1st January, 1954, and the 31st

A.D. 1955.

Short title.

Interpretation.

Cap. 9.

Validation of acts done during 1954.

December, 1954, in good faith by any person pursuant to section 17, 17A, 19, 20, 21 or 22 of the aforesaid Ordinance are hereby declared to have been validly, properly and lawfully exercised or performed as from the time of the exercise or performance of such rights, powers and duties as if those persons had been validly, properly and lawfully appointed and authorised to exercise and perform such rights, powers and duties on the 1st January, 1954, and had continued to be so authorised until the 31st December, 1954, and as if due compliance had been made with the requirements of subsection (3) of section 17 and with the requirements and provisions of section 18 of the Ordinance and every such person aforesaid is hereby declared to have had all the rights, powers, privileges and immunities of a person so appointed and authorised and to have been qualified to act as a justice of the peace.

4. (1) The list of justices of the peace published in the Gazette of the 31st January, 1955, as Notice No. 216 is hereby cancelled and there shall be substituted therefor the list of justices of the peace published in the Gazette of the 16th of July, 1955, as Notice No. 1291 and such substituted list shall be deemed to have been published in the Gazette on the 31st January, 1955, in compliance with the requirements of subsection (1) of section 18 of the Ordinance.

(2) For the avoidance of doubt it is hereby declared that notwithstanding any failure to comply with any of the requirements of subsection (3) of section 17 or of subsection (1) of section 18 of the Ordinance and notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (2) of section 18 of the Ordinance, all rights, powers and duties exercised or performed or purported to be exercised or performed between the 1st January, 1955, and the date of the commencement of this Ordinance in good faith by any person pursuant to section 17, 17A, 19, 20, 21 or 22 of the Ordinance have been validly, properly and lawfully exercised or performed as from the time of the exercise or performance of such rights, powers and duties as if those persons had been lawfully appointed and authorised to exercise and perform such rights, powers and duties on the 1st January, 1955, and had continued to be so authorised until the commencement of this Ordinance, and every such person aforesaid is hereby declared to have had all the rights, powers, privileges and immunities of a person so appointed and authorised and to have been qualified to act as a justice of the peace.

*Passed by the Legislative Council this twentieth day of October, nineteen hundred and fifty-five.*

  
Acting Clerk of the Legislature.

(M.F. §1 IV),  
(Leg Bill No. 47/1955).