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BILL No. 39 of 1954.

A BILL
INTITULEDAN ORDINANCE FURTHER TO AMEND THE POST AND
TELEGRAPH ORDINANCE.

Enacted by the Legislature of British Guiana.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Post and Telegraph (Amendment) Ordinance, 1954, and shall be construed and read as one with the Post and Telegraph Ordinance, hereinafter referred to as the Principal Ordinance, and any Ordinance amending the same.

Short title.
Cap. 185.

2. Section thirty-six of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended —

Amend-
ment of
section 36
of the
Principal
Ordinance

(a) by the substitution for the words "Every master of a vessel inward bound shall collect all letters on board his vessel," in subsection (1) of the words "Every master of a vessel inward bound and every pilot or other person in charge of an aircraft inward bound shall collect all letters on board his vessel or aircraft,";

(b) by the insertion between the word "vessel" and the word "is" in the tenth line of subsection (1) of the words "or aircraft";

(c) by the repeal of subsection (2) and the substitution of the following therefor —

"(2) The master of the vessel or aircraft shall not break bulk or make entry in any port until he has complied with the provisions of subsection (1) of this section."; and

(d) by the substitution for the word "vessel," in subsection (3) of the words "vessel or any pilot or other person in charge of an aircraft,".

3. Section thirty-seven of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended —

Amend-
ment of
section 37
of the
Principal
Ordinance

(a) by the insertion between the word "vessel" and the word "who" in subsection (1) of the words "or any pilot or other person in charge of an aircraft"; and

(b) by the insertion between the word "vessel" and the word "to" in subsection (2) of the words "or the pilot or other person in charge of an aircraft".

4. Subsection (1) of section thirty-eight of the Principal Ordinance is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor —

Amend-
ment of
section 38
(1) of the
Principal
Ordinance

"(1) An officer of customs shall not permit any inward bound vessel or aircraft to break bulk or to make entry until the letters on board thereof have been delivered to an officer of the Post Office or at a post office as required by this Ordinance, and shall search the vessel or aircraft for letters which may be on board the vessel or aircraft contrary to this Ordinance, and may seize them and forward them to the nearest post office."

5. Subsection (1) of section thirty-nine of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended —

Amend-
ment of
section 39
(1) of the
Principal
Ordinance

(a) by the insertion between the word "vessels" and the word "inward" of the words "or aircraft";

(b) by the substitution for the word "vessels" in the fifth line thereof of the words "vessels or aircraft";

(c) by the insertion between the word "vessel's" and the word "arrival" in paragraph (a) of the words "or aircraft's";

- (d) by the insertion between the word "master" and the word "before" in paragraph (a) of the words "of the vessel or the pilot or other person in charge of the aircraft";
- (e) by the insertion between the word "vessel" and the word "to" in sub-paragraph (i) of the proviso thereto of the words "or aircraft";
- (f) by the insertion between the word "ship's" and the word "manifest" in sub-paragraph (iii) of the proviso thereto of the words "or aircraft's"; and
- (g) by the deletion of the fullstop at the end of sub-paragraph (iii) of the proviso thereto and the addition thereafter of the words and fullstop "or aircraft."

Amend-
ment of
section 40
of the
Principal
Ordinance

6. Section forty of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended—

- (a) by the insertion between the word "vessels" and the word "in" of the words "or persons in charge of aircraft";
- (b) by the substitution for the word "seamen" of the word "crew"; and
- (c) by the substitution for the word "vessels," in the seventh line thereof of the words "vessels or aircraft."

Repeal and
re-enact-
ment of
section 41
of the
Principal
Ordinance

7. Section forty-one of the Principal Ordinance is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor—

"Reten-
tion of ship
letters
after
delivery
of letters
to Post
Office

41. If any person being either the master of a vessel inward bound or the pilot or other person in charge of an aircraft inward bound or one of the officers or crew of such a vessel or aircraft, or a passenger thereof, knowingly has in his baggage or in his possession or custody any letter not excepted from the privilege of the Postmaster General after the master of the vessel or the pilot or other person in charge of the aircraft has sent any part of the letters on board his vessel or aircraft to the post office, he shall for every such letter be liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding fifteen dollars, and if he detains the letter after demand is made for it, either by an officer of customs or by a person authorised by the Postmaster General to demand the letters on board the vessel or aircraft, he shall for every letter be liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding thirty dollars."

Repeal of
Second
Schedule
to the
Principal
Ordinance

8. The Second Schedule to the Principal Ordinance is hereby repealed.

OBJECTS AND REASONS

Clauses 2(c), 4 and 6 of this Bill seek to repeal those provisions of the Principal Ordinance which relate to the signing by the master of an inward bound vessel of a declaration stating that he has delivered or caused to be delivered to a post office every letter bag, package, or parcel of letters that was on board the said vessel except those letters which are exempted by law.

2. It is considered that the repeal of the abovementioned provisions will result in international transport being facilitated and will in no way endanger the security of Her Majesty's mail.

3. The remaining provisions of this Bill seek to extend the application of the provisions of sections 35 to 41 of the Principal Ordinance to inward bound aircraft.

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Member for Communications and Works.

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