

CHAPTER 257.

PETITIONS (SIGNATURE).

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1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Petitions (Signature) Ordinance. Short title.

2.—(1) The name or mark of a person may not lawfully be appended to any petition, or letter, or similar document, without his knowledge and consent, and where his name or mark is appended to the document at his request, the person writing or making it shall on the document certify in writing that the document was read and explained to him and that he appeared to understand and approved of its contents. Prohibition of appending another signature to document without his consent.
Certificate of person doing so.

(2) The person so certifying shall state in writing on the document his usual place of abode.

3. Everyone who contravenes any of the provisions of sub-section (1) of the preceding section, or gives a certificate which is false in any particular (including the statement of place of abode), shall be liable on summary conviction thereof to a penalty not exceeding fifty dollars, or to imprisonment for any term not exceeding two months. Penalty.

4. Nothing in this Ordinance—

(a) shall apply to any petition or other Ordinance addressed to, or to be filed or lodged in any proceeding in, a court of law which has been prepared or drawn by a legal practitioner duly admitted to practise in the courts of the colony; Exceptions.

(b) shall be construed to affect the criminal jurisdiction of the Supreme Court.

5. Where a summary conviction offence punishable under this Ordinance is also punishable under any other enactment for the time being in force, that offence may be charged and punished either under this Ordinance or under that other enactment, but so that no one is punished twice for the same offence. Offence under this and another enactment.