

To be construed with Ch. 26 of 1930

CHAPTER 260.

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS (INMATES' PROPERTY).

[No. IV of 1893.]

[22nd February, 1893.]

Short title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Public Institutions (Inmates' Property) Ordinance.

Disposal of unclaimed property, not exceeding \$10 in value, of deceased inmate of public institution.

2.—(1) When any inmate of a hospital, an asylum, a prison, or any other public institution of whatever kind, dies, having in his possession any money or other movable property to an amount or value, or to an amount and value, not exceeding ten dollars, the principal resident officer in charge of the institution shall take possession of the money and property.

(2) If the money and property are not claimed with effect by any person within one month after the death of the inmate, that officer shall, at the expiration of the month, sell the property and pay the proceeds thereof, together with any money aforesaid, to the Colonial Treasurer in the manner and to the account by him directed.

Furnishing information of sums paid in.

3. The officer aforesaid shall, within the first seven days of every month, furnish to the Auditor a statement in writing containing the particulars of all sums of money so paid by him to the Colonial Treasurer during the preceding month, and shall at the same time cause the statement to be published in the Gazette.

Claim to sum paid in and procedure thereon.

4.—(1) Any sum of money so paid to the Colonial Treasurer and not claimed within twelve months after that payment shall become part of the general revenue of the colony.

(2) Everyone who claims any sum of money so paid to the Colonial Treasurer may apply to him therefor by petition, and shall support his petition by the necessary evidence.

(3) The Colonial Treasurer, if he is satisfied of the correctness of the claim, may pay to the claimant the amount claimed or any portion thereof to which the right

has been established, but if he is not so satisfied may authorise and require the claimant to establish his claim in due course of law, and shall make any defence thereto he may be advised.

(4) When the claimant establishes his claim in due course of law, he shall receive interest on the sum of money claimed and allowed at the rate of three per centum per annum from the date of the application for payment.

5.—(1) Nothing in this Ordinance shall apply to any East Indian immigrant or to any person of East Indian descent. Saving.

(2) The provisions of section two hundred and twenty-three of the Immigration Ordinance, shall apply in the case of any East Indian immigrant, and to anyone of East Indian descent, respectively dying in any institution aforesaid, so far as relates to the property found in his possession. Chapter 208.
