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PART VI.

BILLS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

The following Bill was introduced into the Council of the Governor General of India for the purpose of making Laws and Regulations on the 3rd July 1889 :

Bill No. 6 of 1889.

A Bill to amend Acts VI and VII of 1884.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Inland Steam-vessels Act, 1884, and the Indian Steamships Act, 1884; It is hereby enacted as follows :—

Inland Steam-vessels Act, 1884.

1. To section 11 of the Inland Steam-vessels Act, 1884, the following sub-section shall be added, namely :—

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II of 1884.

“(4) The Local Government may delegate,—
(a) with the previous sanction of the Governor General in Council, to any person the function, assigned to it by sub-section (1), of granting a certificate of survey under that sub-section ;

(b) of its own authority, to any person the function, assigned to it by sub-section (3), of causing notice to be given of a certificate of survey being ready for delivery :

Provided, with respect to clause (a) of this sub-section, that no delegation of the function mentioned in that clause shall be construed to authorise the grant of a certificate of survey by the surveyor who gave the declaration of survey under section 9.”

2. In section 12 of the said Act, the words “by the Local Government” are hereby repealed.

Amendment of section 12, Act VI, 1884.

3. In section 17 of the said Act, between the word “which” and the word “granted”, in both places where the expression “which granted” occurs, the words “or whose delegate” shall be inserted.

Amendment of section 17, Act VI, 1884.

4. After section 54 of the said Act the following section shall be inserted, namely :—

Insertion of new section after section 54, Act VI, 1884.

“54A. If an inland steam-vessel has on board thereof or on or in any part thereof a number of passengers which is greater than the number of passengers set forth in the certificate of survey as the number which the vessel or the part thereof is, in the judgment of the surveyor, fit to carry, the owner and master shall, for every passenger over and above that number, be each liable to a fine which may extend to ten rupees.”

Penalty for having excessive number of passengers on board.

Indian Steamships Act, 1884.

VII of 1884.

5. To section 13 of the Indian Steamships Act, 1884, the following sub-section shall be added, namely:—

“(4) The Local Government may delegate,—

(a) with the previous sanction of the Governor General in Council, to any person the function, assigned to it by sub-section (1), of granting a certificate of survey under that sub-section;

(b) of its own authority, to any person the function, assigned to it by sub-section (3), of causing notice to be given of a certificate of survey being ready for delivery:

Provided, with respect to clause (a) of this sub-section, that no delegation of the function mentioned in that clause shall be construed to authorise the grant of a certificate of survey by the surveyor who gave the declaration of survey under section 11.”

6. In section 14 of the said Act, the words “by the Local Government” are hereby repealed.

7. In section 19 of the said Act, between the word “which” and the word “granted”, in both the places where the expression “which granted” occurs, the words “or whose delegate” shall be inserted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS.

SECTION 11 of the Inland Steam-vessels Act, VI of 1884, and section 13 of the Indian Steamships Act, VII of 1884, provide that, if, on receipt of the declaration of a surveyor, the Local Government is satisfied that the law has been complied with, it shall cause a certificate of survey to be furnished to the owner or master. The performance by the Local Government of the duty of considering the declaration and granting the certificate has been found in some Provinces to be attended with delay and inconvenience, and one of the objects of this Bill is to authorise the Local Government to delegate the duty.

The other object of the Bill is to prevent the overcrowding of an inland steam-vessel by limiting the number of passengers to be carried by her to the number which the surveyor has in his declaration adjudged her to be fit to carry.

The approval of the Board of Trade has been obtained to the proposed amendment of the Indian Steamships Act.

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The 4th July 1889.