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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 19th September 1889:—

Bill No. 14 of 1889.

A Bill to indemnify certain witnesses.

WHEREAS by an order, dated the sixteenth day of October 1888, a Commission was appointed by the Governor of Bombay in Council under Act XXXVII of 1850 (*for regulating Inquiries into the behaviour of Public Servants*) for the purpose of enquiring into certain imputations of misbehaviour by a public servant;

And whereas in the course of the proceedings before the said Commission, and of certain enquiries preliminary to or connected with the said proceedings and undertaken by direction of the said Governor in Council, statements were made and evidence given by public servants

and other persons, by reason of which statement or evidence the said public servants and other persons became or might become liable to prosecutions or penalties under the Statute 49 Geo. III, Chapter 126, or the Indian Penal XLV of 1860. Code, or otherwise;

And whereas it is expedient to free the said public servants and other persons from all liability to civil or criminal proceedings in respect of any cause of action or charge arising out of any admission of an offence in any statements made or evidence given as aforesaid;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. No suit, prosecution or other proceeding shall be commenced or continued against any person in respect of any cause of action or charge arising out of any admission of an offence in any statement made or evidence given before the said Commission, or in any enquiry undertaken by direction of the said Governor in Council in connection with the proceedings of the said Commission.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS.

THE object of this Bill is to protect certain persons from proceedings which might be taken against them in consequence of admissions made by them in the course of the investigation before the Commission which sat at Poona in October, November, December and January last under Act XXXVII of 1850, or in the course of the connected inquiries which were undertaken by direction of the Governor of Bombay in Council, with respect to imputations of misbehaviour made against Mr. Arthur Crawford, of the Bombay Civil Service.

The 19th September 1889.

(Signed) ANDREW R. SCOBLE.

S. HARVEY JAMES,
Secretary to the Government of India.