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PART V.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT, BOMBAY.

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The following Bill, together with the Statement of Objects and Reasons accompanying it, is published in accordance with Rule 15 of the Rules for the conduct of Business at Meetings of the Council of His Excellency the Governor of Bombay for making Laws and Regulations:—

Bill No. 2 of 1889.

A Bill to amend the Prevention of Gambling Act (Bombay IV of 1887).

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Bombay Prevention of Gambling Act, 1887; it is enacted as follows:—

1. In Section 3 of the said Act after the words "or other instruments of gaming"

the following shall be inserted:

"or other articles used as instruments, or as a means or subject of wagering or gaming"

and for the words

"for the use of the instruments of gaming"

the following words shall be substituted:

"for the use of such articles."

2. In Section 4 (d) after the words "for the purpose of gaming"

the following words shall be inserted:

"or wagering".

3. In the first paragraph of Section 5 after the words

"in any common gaming-house" the following words shall be inserted:

"wagering or"

and after the words

"present for the purpose of"

the following words shall be inserted:

"wagering or of".

In the second paragraph of the same section after the words

"during any"

the following word shall be inserted:

"wagering".

4. The words "or wagering" shall be inserted in the following places:

(1) in Section 6 (c) after the words

"for the purpose of gaming."

(2) in Section 10 after the words "in any gaming."

(3) in Section 10 after the words "touching such gaming."

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS.

(1) The necessity for this Bill has recently been shown by the prevalence of a new form of gambling, known as "Barsát ka Satta," or wagering on the rain-fall.

This form of wagering has caused incalculable harm and has had a very demoralising effect, particularly on the youths of the City of Bombay. It has even attracted gamblers from the Mofussil.

(2) The Bombay High Court have recently ruled in the case of *Imperatrix v. Narotamdás Motirám and Hemráj Khimji*, that the provisions of the Bombay Prevention of Gambling Act, 1837, are not sufficiently wide to apply to wagering.

(3) The present Bill is intended to supply this defect by extending the definition of a Common Gaming House in Section 3 of that Act, so as to include any house in which any article or instrument or means of gaming or wagering is kept, or used as described in that section (and by making the necessary additions in the various penal clauses).

(Signed) R. WEST.

7th December 1889.

By order of His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor in Council,

J. J. HEATON,

Secretary to the Council of His Excellency the Governor
of Bombay for making Laws and Regulations.

Bombay Castle, 9th December 1889.