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## PART V.

### PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT, BOMBAY.

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 1887.

*A Bill to amend Bombay Act No. III. of 1866.*

WHEREAS it is expedient to enable the Governor of Bombay in Council to extend the provisions of Bombay Act No. III. of 1866 (*an Act for the prevention of Gambling in certain places in the presidency of Bombay*) to any local area in the territories subject to his Government: It is enacted as follows :—

1. For section 1 of the said Act the following section shall be substituted, viz. :—

“ 1. This Act may be cited as ‘ The Short Title. Bombay Prevention of Gambling Act, 1886.’

“ It extends to all railway station-houses with- out the city of Bombay and to all places surrounding such station-houses and being not more than three miles distant from any part of such station-houses, respectively, and may be extended from time to time by the Governor in Council, by an order published in the *Bombay Government Gazette*, to any local area, other than the city of Bombay, in the presidency of Bombay.”

2. In section 2 of the said Act the words “ local area ” shall be substituted for the words “ city or town,” each time they occur.



STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS.

The object of this Bill is to remove the limitation to the local operation of Bombay Act III. of 1866, an Act for the Prevention of Gambling, which are imposed by its section 1.

2. At the time when that Act was passed, it was deemed expedient to restrict its operation to cities and towns of considerable size and to the vicinity of railway stations. But the result of these limitations is that the Act is evaded by persons who reside in the cities and towns in which it is in force resorting for the purpose of gambling to places not very distant from those cities or towns and

slightly more than three miles from a railway-station. This evasion of the Act, as the law at present stands, Government are powerless to prevent and much gambling takes place in consequence, which ought to be put a stop to.

3. The Bill proposes to amend sections 1 and 2 of the Act in such a manner as to make its provisions applicable, as at present, to all railway station-houses outside the city of Bombay and the vicinity thereof, and to enable Government to extend them from time to time to any other local area, except the city of Bombay. In the city of Bombay gambling is prevented by a separate enactment (Act XIII. of 1856, Sections 56 and 66).

(Signed) M. MELVILL.

18th January 1887.

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

A. SHEWAN,

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

Bombay Castle, 19th January 1887.



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### Bill No. 3 of 1887.

*A Bill to amend Bombay Act No. VI. of 1863.*

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend Bombay Act No. VI. of 1863 (*an Act for the regulation of Public Conveyances in the Town, Suburbs and Harbour of Bombay*) for the purpose, principally, of enabling Government to extend its provisions as well to vehicles which do not, as to those which do, ply for hire in any town or place, other than the city of Bombay: It is enacted as follows:—

1. The following paragraph shall be Amendment of Bom- added to section 34 bay Act VI of 1863, of the said Act, section 34. namely:—

“The Governor in Council may, by an order published as aforesaid, direct that, in any town or place to which he extends or has extended the provisions of this Act:

“(a) all or any of the said provisions shall apply to all vehicles or to any class of vehicles which are kept or ordinarily let for hire, although such vehicles be not used for the purpose of plying for hire;

“(b) any class of vehicles shall be exempt from all or any of the said provisions.”

#### STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS.

Bombay Act No. VI. of 1863, an Act for the regulation of Public Conveyances,

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has been extended by Government, under the power conferred by its section 34 in this behalf, to several towns and military cantonments in the mofussil of this presidency; but it is found that owing to the restricted definition of the term “public land conveyance” given in section 1 of the Act, its provisions are not so extensively applicable in those towns and cantonments as is desirable.

2. The reason for this is that in provincial towns and places, a large proportion of the vehicles available for hire by the public do not ply about the streets for hire, but are kept by their owners in private premises and are only let out when sent for.

3. The vehicles referred to are in all respects public conveyances and differ only from those to which the Act applies in that their owners do not find it profitable in the small towns and places where they are kept, to let them ply for hire.

4. This Bill has been prepared, therefore, for the purpose of bringing such vehicles in provincial towns and places under the same control and supervision as public conveyances which ply for hire. And the opportunity has been taken of enabling Government to exempt any class of vehicles in such towns or places from all or any of the provisions of the Act.

(Signed) M. MELVILL.