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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 8th June 1887:—

Bill No. 6 of 1887.

A Bill for the Protection of Game.

WHEREAS municipal authorities in different parts of British India have from time to time made rules for the protection of game;

And whereas it is expedient that Local Governments and cantonment-authorities as well as municipal authorities should be empowered to make such rules;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

Title, extent and commencement. 1. (1) This Act may be called the Game Protection Act, 1887.

(2) It extends to the whole of British India; and

(3) It shall come into force at once.

Definitions. 2. In this Act—

(1) "municipal authority" means the commissioners, committee, board, council or person having authority over a municipality under any enactment for the time being in force:

(2) "cantonment-authority" means a cantonment-committee or, in the case of a cantonment for which such a committee has not been constituted, the commanding officer of the cantonment: and

(3) "authority" means Local Government, municipal authority or cantonment-authority, as the case may be.

3. (1) The Local Government with respect to any municipality or cantonment within the territories under its administration, or the municipal authority or cantonment-authority of any municipality or cantonment, with the previous sanction of the Local Government, may from time to time make rules—

(a) defining the word "game" for the purposes of this Act in its application to the municipality or cantonment;

(b) defining for those purposes the breeding season of any kind of game; and

(c) prohibiting, absolutely or subject to conditions, the possession or sale within the municipality or cantonment of any kind of game during its breeding season, or the importation into the municipality or cantonment of the fur or plumage of any kind of game during such season.

(2) The authority making a rule under clause (c) of sub-section (1) may direct that a breach of it shall be punishable with fine which may extend to five rupees for every head of game in respect of which the breach of the rule has been committed.

(3) A Magistrate shall not take cognizance of a breach of any such rule except on the complaint of the authority which made the rule, or of some person authorised by that authority in this behalf.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS.

For many years past the committees of certain municipalities in Northern India have, for the purpose of preserving game from destruction, prescribed close seasons during which the possession or sale of game within municipal limits is prohibited.

2. This measure has to some extent attained its object, but its legality is open to question.

3. In these circumstances it is proposed to place beyond doubt the power of municipal committees to take such action and to confer similar powers on cantonment-authorities with respect to cantonments, and on Local Governments with respect to any municipality or cantonment within the territories respectively administered by them.

(Signed) J. B. PEILE.

The 8th June 1887.

(Signed) S. HARVEY JAMES,
Officiating Secretary to the Government of India.