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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 18th July 1871, and was referred to a Select Committee with instructions to make their report thereon in a month:—

Bill No. 17 of 1871.

A Bill to amend the European Vagrancy Act, 1869.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the European Vagrancy Act, No. XXI. of 1869; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. The thirty-first section of the said Act shall be read as if, after the words "to serve whom he has so landed in India or left the army," there occurred the words "or to whom any animal, in charge of or in attendance upon which he has come to India, may have been consigned."

2. This Act shall be read with, and taken as part of, the European Vagrancy Act, 1869.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS.

The object of this Bill is to provide for the case of men coming from Australia in charge of horses, on engagements which terminate on the conclusion of the voyage. Such persons are at once thrown out of employ and become vagrants; but as there is no person in this country 'to serve whom' they have landed, it is impossible to put in force the provisions of section thirty-one of the European Vagrancy Act, 1869, as to the recovery of cost of removal and other expenses incidental to their vagrancy. The present Bill enlarges the wording of section thirty-one in such a manner as to render the importer or consignee of any animal liable to all charges incurred by the State in consequence of the person who has come to India in charge of such animal, becoming a vagrant within a year after his arrival in India.

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Simla, The 27th June 1871.

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Governor General for making
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