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ACT No. I of 1893.

PASSED BY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR OF BENGAL IN COUNCIL.

(Received the assent of the Lieutenant-Governor on the 3rd April, 1893, and of the Governor General on the 17th June, 1893.)

An Act for the licensing of Warehouses and the maintenance of a Fire-brigade,

As amended up to March 1894.

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SCHEDULE.

An Act for the Licensing of Warehouses and the Maintenance of a Fire-brigade.*

WHEREAS it is expedient to make provisions for the licensing of Warehouses and the maintenance of a Fire-brigade; It is hereby enacted as follows—

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Licensed Warehouses and
Fire-Brigade Act, 1893; It is enacted as
Preamble. follows:--

^{*}As amended by Act I of 1894, which was passed by the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal in Council and received the assent of the L-G. on the 26th February, 1894, and of the Governor General on the 14th March, 1894,. The Preamble and section 1 of this Act are as follows:—

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CHAPTER I.

Preliminary.

Title, application and commencement.

- 1. (1) This Act may be called the Licensed Warehouse and Fire-brigade Act, 1893.
- (2) It applies to Calcutta, as defined by the Calcutta Municipal Consolidation Act, 1888, and to such portions of the Suburbs thereof as are for the time being subject to the operation of Bengal Act II of 1866; also to the municipality of Howrah and to any other municipality in the neighbourhood of Calcutta or Howrah, to which its provisions may be extended by an order of the Local Government to be published in the Calcutta Gazette.
- (3) It shall come into force from the date on which it may be published in the Calcutta Gazette, with the assent of the Governor General.
 - 2. (1) Act IV of 1883 is hereby repealed:
- (2) But all rules, orders, declarations, financial arrangements and appointments made under the said Act and which are now in force, shall be deemed to have been made under this Act, so far as they are not inconsistent with the provisions thereof.

3. In this Act, unless there is something repugnant in the subject or context,—

1. This Act may be called the Licensed Warehouse and Fire-Brigade Amendment Act, 1894. It shall Commencement, be read with, and taken as part of, Bengal Act 1 of 1893, and shall come into force from the date on which it may be published in the Calcutta Gazette with the assent of the Governor General.

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- (1) "basti land" means land which the owner lets out for the building of huts, in such manner that the tenant of the land is the owner of the hut: And "hut" includes any structure erected on such land, whether roofed with tiles or otherwise, and whether constructed with bricks, earth or other materials:
 - (2) "cotton" means loose raw cotton:
- (3) "jute" means raw jute, either loose or in drums, and loose jute-cuttings and rejections:
- (4) "Magistrate" means and includes a Presidency Magistrate and a Magistrate of the first class:
- (5) "person" includes an undivided Hindu family, a firm or company of association or individuals whether incorporated or not:
- (6) "The Commissioner of Police" means the officer vested with the administration of police in the town of Calcutta under the Calcutta Police Act, 1866, and any Act amending the same:
- (7) "The Commissioners" mean, in respect of Calcutta, the Corporation of Calcutta; and in respect of Howrah and the other municipalities to which this Act applies or may hereafter be extended, the Municipal Commissioners of each of the municipalities concerned:
- (8) "Warehouse" means any building or place used for the storing, or pressing, or keeping of jute, cotton, resin, varnish, pitch, tar, hay, straw, rags, tallow, wood or other inflammable substance or thing for the time being subject to the operation of this Act.

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CHAPTER II.

Licensed Warehouses.

- 4. From and after the commencement of this Act,

 warehouse not to be as a warehouse, unless the owner or occupier thereof shall have previously obtained a license from the Commissioners for such use under this Act.
- for which there was in existence on the thirty-first day of March, 1893, or on the date of the commencement of this Act a license granted under the Jute Warehouse and Fire-brigade Act of 1872 or 1879, or the Licensed Warehouse and Fire-brigade Act of 1883, shall, upon application in writing to the Chairman of the Commissioners, be entitled to obtain a license from the Commissioners therefor as a warehouse, under this Act, subject to the payment to the Commissioners of such annual fee as is hereinafter provided.

Change.

The words "was in existence on the thirty-first day of March, 1893, or on the date of the commencement of this Act", were substituted for the words "is in existence at the commencement of this Act" by section 2 of Bengal Act I of 1894.

6. Any person proposing to use any building or place as a warehouse within the area to which this Act

License of new ware. applies or may hereafter be extended, and who, at the commencement of this Act, does not hold such license under any of the said aforementioned previous Acts, shall, with his

application for a license therefor, send to the Chairman of the Commissioners a plan in duplicate of such building or place prepared on a scale of 8 feet to the inch, and showing—

- (a) the boundaries of such building or place;
- (b) the position of the engines and furnaces used or proposed to be used in the warehouse;
- (c) the space, if any, which has been reserved for the loading and unloading of carts thereat. and thereupon it shall be within the discretion of the Chairman of the Commissioners to grant a license from the Commissioners therefor as a warehouse under this Act, subject to the payment to the Commissioners of such annual fee as is hereinafter provided, or to refuse a license for the same:

Provided that when a license is refused, the reason for such refusal shall be recorded in writing.

- 7. Every application for a license under the last preceding section shall be disposed of within thirty days period for disposal of supplication for license by the Chairman of the Commissioners, and if not disposed of within that period, the applicant shall not be liable to any penalties under this Act for the use, after the expiration of the said period of thirty days, of the building or place as a warehouse in respect of which such application is not finally refused by an order in writing under the hand of the Chairman of the Commissioners setting forth the grounds for such refusal.
 - 8. Licenses under section six of this Act may be granted either permanently or for such term of years as

Term and conditions of the Commissioners shall think fit, and shall be subject to the following conditions, namely:—

- (1) that the warehouse shall at all times be open to the inspection of an officer appointed by the Commissioner of Police. Such officer shall be a member of the Fire-brigade, but shall not be a member of any Police Force:
- (2) that the annual fee imposed in respect thereof be paid in advance.

Change.

The words "in advance" were substituted for the words "as in that case made and provided" by section 3 of Bengal Act I of 1894.

- Gommissioners, any Special Com
 Special Commissioners, any Special Committee of the Commissioners, not less than three or more than five in number whom the Commissioners in meeting shall in that behalf appoint, may exercise all or any of the powers and discretion under this Act vested in the Chairman of the Commissioners.
- (2) The proceedings of such Committee shall not be submitted to the Commissioners in meeting or be subject to revision by them.
- shall not exceed ten per centum per
 Annual fee of heense. annum on the annual value of the
 warehouse as it is assessed to the payment of the municipal taxes, less ten per centum on the outlay incurred
 in respect of the means and appliances, therein or
 appertaining thereto, for preventing or extinguishing
 fire:

Provided that the annual fee payable by any owner or occupier in respect of license shall not exceed seven hundred and fifty rupees, and that estimated total annual amount to be derived from such fees shall not exceed fifty rupees per centum of the amount required to meet the cost of the fire-brigade, as shown in the budget mentioned in section twenty-six of this Act:

Provided also that the owner or occupier of adjacent warehouses and the godowns, yards or compounds auxiliary to such warehouses shall not be bound to take out more than one license in respect of such warehouses, godowns, yards and compounds.

"IoA. Anything in this Act notwithstanding, a fee in respect of a license shall be Tee payable from 28th June, 1898, to 31st March, 1894, in respect of every such building or place as is described in section five, by the owner or occupier thereof, for the period commencing on the twenty-eighth day of June, 1883, (the date on which this Act came into force), and ending on the thirty-first day of March, 1894, calculated on the basis of the annual fee which was payable in respect of warehouses under the provisions of section five of Bengal Act IV of 1883."

Change.

This section is new and has been added by section 4 of Bengal
Act I of 1894

Change in occupation of any warehouse occurs, the person entering into occupation of the same shall, within two weeks of his so entering into occupation, give notice in writing to the Chairman of the Commissioners of such change

of occupation, and shall thereupon pay to the Commissioners a fee of five rupees; and his name shall accordingly be subtituted in the license in respect of such warehouse for the name of the last occupier.

12. (1) Whenever the Chairman of the Commissionners receives credible information
Chairman may apply to
Magnstrate to suspend that any of the conditions, to which heense of warehouse. the license of any warehouse shall

be subject, has been broken by the holder thereof, he may apply in writing, setting forth the substance of such information, to a Magistrate for the issue of a summons upon the holder of the license to show cause why such license should not be cancelled or suspended, and may also apply to such Magistrate to suspend in the meantime such license pending the hearing of the case.

- (2) The Magistrate shall not make an order suspending such license unless he is satisfied that it is necessary to prevent or obviate immediate danger or injury of a serious kind.
- (3) The summons issued under this section shall be served upon the said holder of the license named therein in the manner provided in the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1882, for the service of summons.
- 13. The Magistrate, before whom the case instituted under the last preceding section is brought on for dis
 Magistrate may cancel posal, may, if after taking evidence he be satisfied that there exist reasonable and proper grounds for cancelling or suspending the license, cancel such license, or may order the same, for such time as he may think fit, to be suspended, and may impose such conditions as to the reversal of such order of cancelment or suspension as may be consistent with the provisions of this Act for the grant of a license for a warehouse.

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CHAPTER III.

Penalties.

- Penalty for not taking out a license, uses any building or place as a warehouse shall be liable, on conviction before a Magistrate, to a penalty not exceeding fifty rupees for each day during which he may so use or continue to use such warehouse.
- of which a license has been refused,

 Penalty for using ware house after refusal, &c., of license.

 Or after the license in respect thereof shall have been cancelled, or during the time for which such license shall have been suspended, shall be liable, on conviction before a Magistrate, to a penalty not exceeding two hundred rupees, and to a further penalty not exceeding fifty rupees for every day during which any such warehouse may be so used as aforesaid.
- Penalty for breach of conditions under which a license is held in respect of any warehouse shall be liable, on conviction before a Magistrate, to a penalty not exceeding fifty rupees for any one such offence.
- Penalty for neglecting to notify change in occupation of any warehouse, the person entering into occupation fail to give the notice and to pay the fee required by section eleven of this Act, such person shall be liable, on conviction before a Magistrate, to a penalty not exceeding ten rupees for each day during which he

may so use or continue to use such warehouse.

18. Any person who gives false information to the

Penalty for giving false information to Chairman of the Commissioners with the object of inducing him to take action under section twelve of

this Act shall, on conviction before a Magistrate, be liable to a penalty not exceeding fifty rupees

19. Any owner or occupier of a warehouse who shall prepare or dry, or cause to be prepared or dried, any inflammable substance or thing, for the time

being subject to the operation of this Act, on the top or roof of any building constituting or forming part of such warehouse shall be liable, on conviction before a Magistrate, to a penalty not exceeding flfty rupees for any one such offence.

Any person who shall use as a residence any

Penalty for using as portion of a warehouse used for the pressing or screwing of jute or cotton.

stored therein, shall be liable, on conviction before a

stored therein, shall be liable, on conviction before a Magistrate, to a penalty not exceeding ten rupees for each day during which he may reside therein.

Penalty for using matches or artificial light in warehouse.

Penalty for using matches or artificial light in warehouse.

Used for the pressing or screwing of jute or cotton, if jute or cotton be then stored therein, or use therein,

any matches or any artificial light unless duly and thoroughly protected shall be liable, on conviction before a Magistrate, to a penalty not exceeding ten rupees for any one such offence.

22. Any person who shall smoke within a warehouse

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Penalty for smoking of jute or cotton, if jute or cotton be then stored therein, shall be liable, on conviction before a Magistrate, to a penalty not exceeding ten rupees for any one such offence.

CHAPTER IV.

Funds.

- Commissioners to meet sioner of Police halt-yearly, in the months of May and November, such sums as are required to meet the cost of the fire-brigade as appear in the budget of the Commissioner of Police, and in such proportion, respectively, as the Local Government shall, from time to time, prescribe.
- 24. The Commissioners shall rateably impose the Cost of fire-brigade how under section ten of this Act upon all warehouses, and shall appropriate towards the cost of the fire-brigade the amount derived from such annual fees, and all penalties and fines imposed and all rates levied under this Act.

Rates may also be levied to provide for cost of fire-brigade.

25. (1) The Commissioners may, for the purpose of further providing the cost of the fire-brigade, levy the

following rates:-

(a) a rate not exceeding two and-a-half per centum on the annual value, as it is assessed to the payment of municipal taxes, on any building or place used for the storage of any other inflammable substance or thing not specifically mentioned in clause (8) of section three of

this Act, which the Local Government may, by a notification to be published in the Calcutta Gazette, declare to be liable for the payment of such rate:

- Provided that the rate payable by any owner or occupier in respect of any building or place under this clause shall not exceed one hundred rupees;
- (b) a rate not exceeding one-half per centum on the annual value, as it is assessed to the payment of municipal taxes, on all basti lands with the huts, if any, upon them;
- (c) a general rate not exceeding one-eighth per centum on the annual value of all houses and land assessed under the provisions of the Bengal Municipal Act, 1884, and the Calcutta Municipal Consolidation Act, 1888.
- (2) Any building or place in respect of which a license has been granted under this Act as a warehouse, which has been assessed under clause (a), and any hasti land assessed under clause (b), shall be exempt from further assessment under clause (c).
- 26. (1) The Commissioner of Police shall prepare annually in or before the month of February a budget

Commissioner of Police to prepare annually budget or estimate of receipts and expenditure of firebrigade. or estimate of the receipts and expenditure of the fire-brigade for the year commencing on the 1st of April next ensuing, and shall distinguish

in the receipts of such budget the proportionate sums to be contributed by the several municipalities to which this Act extends or shall hereafter be extended; and shall also show any balance of receipts remaining unexpended, after providing for any legitimate charge against the funds of the fire brigade, and in like manner, if there be a deficit, shall show such deficit at the close of the previous year, and such credit or debit balances shall be taken into account by the Local Government in fixing the sum to be annually contributed by the municipalities concerned under this Act.

- (2) Such budget shall be laid before the Commissioners at a meeting, and shall be forwarded by them to the Local Government with such remarks as they shall think fit to record; and it shall be within the discretion of the Local Government to pass, modify or reject the estimates of all or any sums entered in such budget.
- Warehouse Fund of the municipali
 Sums to be appropriat these abovenamed, or at the credit of any fund appropriated to the maintenance of the fire-brigade under the provisions of Act IV of 1 83 at the time when this Act comes into force, shall be appropriated as an asset of the Fire-brigade Fund under this Act:
- 28. The provisions of the Bengal Municipal Act,
 1884, and the Calcutta Municipal
 Consolidation Act, 1888, relating to
 the recovery of rates levied under
 those Acts, respectively, shall, so far as they are consistent with this Act, apply to the recovery of rates levied
 under section twenty-five of this Act:

Provided that the rates levied under this Act in Calcutta shall be included with the four rates mentioned in section one hundred and one of the Calcutta Municipal Consolidation Act, 188, as one consolidated rate.

20. The Local Government may fix the propor-

Local Government to fix proportionate liability for cost of fire-brigade to be borne by Commistionate liability for the cost of the fire-brigade to be borne by the Commissioners of the municipalities to which this Act applies or may

hereafter be extended, and may from time to time alter the proportions in which the Commissioners of any or all the municipalities, for the time being subject to the operation of this Act, are liable for the payment of the said sum.

CHAPTER V.

Fire-brigade.

30. The Commissioner of Police shall maintain an

Commissioner of Police to maintain fire-brigade for municipalities. efficient fire-brigade for the municipalities or such portions thereof that are for the time being subject to the

operation of this Act.

31. (1) The Local Government may from time to time make, and when made alter or Power of Local Government to make orders with repeal, such general or special

orders as it may think ht-

respect to fire brigade.

for appointing or removing any member or officer of the force ;

for furnishing the fire-brigade with such fire-engines, fire-escapes, horses, accoutrements, equipments, tools and implements as it may think proper;

for building or providing stations or hiring places for the keeping of the force, engines, horses and appurtenand :

for giving gratuities to persons who have given notice of fires and to those who have rendered effective service to the brigade, on the occasion of fires;

for the training, discipline, good conduct, salaries and pensions of the members of the force;

for the speedy attendance of such members with engines and all necessary implements on the occasion of any alarm of fire;

for sending the force, engines and appurtenances beyoud the limits of the area to which this Act extends, in order to extinguish fire in the neighbourhood of the said limits;

for imposing and summarily realizing a fine not exceeding one week's wages from any member of the brigade who may infringe these orders, and,

generally, for the maintenance of the fire-brigade in a due state of efficiency.

- (2) Such orders shall be published in the Calcutta Gazette and shall take effect from the date of such publication
- Commissioner of Police or Deputy Commissioner of Police, at any exercise certain powers on occasion of a charge of the fire-brigade on the

spot, may-

- (a) remove, or may order any member of the brigade to remove, any persons who by their presence interfere with the due operations of the brigade;
- (8) by himself or by his men break into or through, or pull down, any premises for the purpose of putting an end to the fire, doing as little damage as possible;
- (c) cause the mains and pipes of any district to be shut off, so as to give greater pressure of water in the place where the fire has occurred;

- (d) call on the officer in charge of the Port Commissioners' fire-engine to render such assistance as may be possible, in the case of any fire occurring near river bank, and,
- (e) generally take such measures as may appear necessary for the preservation of life and property.
- (2) The Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner of Police, or the Chief Officer on the spot in charge of the brigade, may verbally nominate and depute one or more officers of the brigade to act at a distance; and such officer or officers shall have for the time being the like powers as the Chief Officer himself possesses under this section.
- To aid the fire-brigade in the execupolice-officers to aid the fire-brigade in the execufire-brigade in execution any street in or near which a fire is
 burning, and they may, of their own motion or on the
 request of the Chief or other Officer of the fire-brigade,
 remove any persons who interfere by their presence
 with the operations of the fire-brigade,
- 34. No officer of the police or of the fire-brigade shall be held liable to damages on account of any act done by him in the bond fide belief that such act was required in the proper execution of his duties.
- Ohief Officer of brigade to enquire into origin of fire and to make report to Magistrate,

 Origin and cause of such fire, and shall make a report thereon to the Magistrate having jurisdiction in the

place in which such fire shall have occurred; and the said Magistrate, in any case where he may see fit, shall summon witnesses and take evidence in order to the further ascertainment of such facts.

(2) Copies of all reports and of all evidence recorded under this section shall be furnished on application to any Fire Assurance Company or other person interested, on payment of the fees payable for the copies of judicial proceedings.

CHAPTER VI.

Fireworks, &c.

applies, or to which it may hereafter applies, or to which it may hereafter be extended, shall let off rockets or send up fire-balloons without a license from the Commissioner of Police, and whoever shall sell fireworks without a license from the Commissioner of Police, for which a yearly fee not exceeding ten rupees shall be payable, shall be liable, on conviction before a Magistrate, to a penalty not exceeding fifty rupees for every such offence.

- (2) All such fees received by the Commissioner of Police shall be applied by him towards the maintenance of the fire-brigade.
- 37. The Commissioner of Police may, at his discretion, withdraw or suspend any license granted by him under the last preceding section:

Provided that a license to sell fireworks shall not be withdrawn or suspended except after thirty days' notice. 38. The powers conferred on the Commissioner of

Magistrate of Howrah to exercise certain powers of Commissioner of Police

Police in respect to Calcutta and the Suburbs by the two last preceding sections, shall be exercised in

the municipality of Howrah by the Magistrate of the district, or the officer in charge of the current duties of the Magistrate's office.

In the event of any rockets being let off or

Penalty on house-holder for allowing rockets, &c , to be let off within prem ises without express permission.

fire-balloons sent up, within the precincts of any private premises or compound without the express permission in writing of the Com-

missioner of Police or the Magistrate or officer as aforesaid, as the case may be, the owner or occupier, or person under whose immediate control the said premises or compound is, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding fifty rupees, unless he can prove that the offence was committed without his knowledge.

CHAPTER VII.

Miscellaneous.

40. The Local Government may, on the recommendation of the Commissioners in meet-Local Government may ing, declare that any building or place used for the storing, or press-

declare other building or place to be a warehouse.

ing, or keeping of any inflammable substance or thing other than those specified in clause (8) of section three of this Act shall be a warehouse within the meaning of, and be subject to the operation of, this Act.

41. (1) The Commissioners of the several muni-

Report respecting licenses for warehouses, &c., to be submitted to Local Government.

cipalities to which this Act extends shall submit a report to the Local Government once a year, at such time as the Local Government shall

direct, giving a statement of account of receipts and disbursements, and showing how the provisions of this Act have been carried out, and specifying the warehouses in respect of which licenses have been granted.

- (2) The Commissioner of Police shall make a similar report, showing the constitution, assets and the working of the fire-brigade during the year, the receipts and expenditure in respect thereof and the proceedings taken by him under sections thirty-six and thirty-seven of this Act.
- (9) Such reports shall be forthwith published in the Calcutta Gazette.
 - 42. Any person committing any offence in respect

Police officer may arrest offenders under section 36 and convey them before Magistrate. of which a penalty is provided by section thirty-six of this Act may, if his name and address be unknown. be arrested by any officer of police

and forthwith conveyed before a Magistrate having jurisdiction in the place in which such offence has been committed, or shall be taken to the nearest police-station within the said jurisdiction, in order that such peron may be detained until he can be brought before a Magistrate, or until he shall enter into a recognizance with or without sureties for his appearance before a Magistrate.

43. Whenever such person shall be taken to a police-station, the officer in charge Time within which offenders should be conveyed before Magistrate. of such station shall, as soon as possible, but in every case within twenty-four hours, cause him to be conveyed before a Magistrate having jurisdiction in the matter.

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44. Every license granted under Chapter II of this
Act shall, as far as possible, be in
the form of the Schedule to this Act
annexed.

Act not applicable to buildings or places wherein small quantities of jute, cotton, resin, warnish, pitch, tar, hay, straw, rags, tallow, wood or other inflammable substance or thing for the time being subject to the

substance or thing for the time being subject to the operation of this Act are deposited.

- (2) The Local Government may from time to time declare, by notification in the Calcutta Gazette, what quantities of jute, cotton, resin, varnish, pitch, tar, hay, straw, rags, tallow, wood or other inflammable substance or thing as aforesaid, shall be deemed to be small quantities within the meaning of this section.
- Calcutta Municipal Consolidation

 Repeal of sections 347
 of Act II of 1883 and 261,
 of Act III of 1884.

 Act, 1888, and two hundred and
 sixty-one of the Bengal Municipal

 Act 1884, are hereby repealed, in so far as they
 entitle the Commissioners to levy fees in respect of
 premises licensed as depots for hay, straw, wood, rags,
 jute or other dangerously inflammable material which
 are licensed and used as warehouses under this Act.
- Anything in the last preceding section notwithstanding, the Commissioners are hereby authorised to levy fees under sections three hundred and forty-seven of the Calcutta Municipal Consolidation Act, 1888, and two hundred and sixty-one of the Bengal

Municipal Act, 1884, as the case may be, up to the thirty-first day of March, 1894, and it is hereby declared that the repeal of the said sections, in so far as the power is withdrawn from the Commissioners of levying fees in respect of premises licensed as depots for hay, straw, wood, rags, jute or other dangerously inflammable material which are licensed and used as warehouses under this Act, shall not take effect until the first day of April, 1894.

This section is new and has been added by section 5 of Beng. Act I of 1894.

SCHEDULE.

(Referred to in section 44)

License under Bengal Act of 18

No. of 18

The Corporation of Calcutta (or the Municipal Commissioners, as the case may be) hereby grant unto this license under Bengal Act of , to store (or press and keep) jute (or cotton, resin or other inflammable substance or thing, as the case may be) in building or place, No or Nos , Calcutta (or No or Nos. Howrah, as the case may be), subject to the conditions noted on the back, and they hereby acknowledge to have received the sum of Rs. , being the license fee due by the said from to 081 in respect of the aforesaid premises, at the rate of Rs. per annum,

Name of owner Name of occupier

Secretary to the Corporation (or to the Muni.ipal Commissioners).

The day of (On the back of the license.)

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CONDITIONS.

- (1) The warehouse or warehouses in respect of which this license is granted shall at all times be open to the inspection of an officer appointed by the Commissioner of Police as provided by section eight of the Licensed Warehouse and Fire-brigade Act, 1893.
- (2 The annual fee imposed in respect to this license shall be in advance.

Change.

The words "on the back of the hoense" and "in advance" were substituted for the words "on the back of schedule" and "(here state annual or other dates for payment of hoense fee)" repectively by section 6 of Beng. Act I of 1894.

NOTIFICATION.

No. 2853M.—The 14th August 1893.—It is hereby notified for general information that, in the exercise of the power vested in the Local Government by section 45 (2) of the Bengal Licensed Warehouse and Fire-Brigade Act I of 1893, the Lieutenant-Governor is pleased to declare that 50 maunds of jute, cotton, resin, varnish, pitch, tar, hay, straw rags, tallow, wood or other inflammable substance or thing for the time being, subject to the operation of the said Act, shall be deemed to be a "small quantity" within the meaning of section 45 (1) of the Act, and that the provisions of the Act shall not apply to any buildings or places wherein any quantity of the inflammable materials mentioned above, not exceeding 50 maunds, is deposited.

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ORDERS BY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF BENGAL.

Municipal and Local.

Notification-

No. 2018M.—The 29th July 1903.—under Section 82 of the Bengal Municipal Act III of 1884, as amended up to 1st November 1896, the Lieutenant Governor is pleased to make the following modifications in the Municipal Account Rules, published under Notification No 5472 M, dated the 13th December 1897 at pages 297 to 358, Part 1B of the Calcutta Gazette of the 15th idem —

Rule 60.—For the memorandum of agreement substitute:—

Rs. A. P.

Balance as per Cash-Book

Deduct-

Balance of the separate accounts of the Dispensary Funds in the Treasury as per detailed accounts received from the Managing Committees.

				Rs. A. p.
Dispensary	Fund	•••	•••	•••
Ditto		•••	•••	
Ditto		•••	•••	
			Total	•••
Net balance	of Cas	sh-Bo	ok	

Add-

Amount of uncashed cheques

			T	otal		
Balance as per	pass-b	ook	of	the	Muni-	
cipal Fund	•••	•••		•••	•••	

Rule 103.—Substitute the following for the present rule:—

The register for the record of donations and subscriptions of a Charitable Dispensary shall be kept by the Managing Committee in form No XL, columns to or 11, as the case may be, of this register shall be filled in by the Medical Officer in charge or the Secretary of the Managing Committee when the money is sent to the Municipal office or remitted to the treasury. Separate receipts need not be granted to the donors or subscribers unless they specially ask for them.

FORM XL.

Dispensary subscription Register.

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Name of Donor.	Amount promised,	Arrear.	Current	Total.	Amount paid,	Date and mittals	Balance outstanding	Initials of offic charge.	Date when se	Date when remitted Treasury.	REMARKS.
I	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Rs. A.P.	Rs. A.P.	Ŕs, A.P.	Rs. A.P.	Rs. A.P.		Rs. A.P.				

Rule 104.—In line 1 after "dispensaries" insert " in class 11-B."

Add the following rule :-

Rule 104A—For the hospitals and dispensaries in class 11-A a separate banking account is allowed at the

treasury. All receipts of these institutions will be paid into the treasury direct by the Managing Committee, and all payments on account of them will also be made by the Committee direct without the intervention of the Municipal Office, either from the imprest in the hands of the Medical Officer or by the cheques drawn by the secretary or President upon the treasury. The income from the endowments and investments will, however, be realised by the municipality and remitted to the treasury for the credit to the account of the Dispensary Fund, an intimation being at the same time sent to the Managing Committee.

Before the 5th of the following month, the Managing Committee will furnish the municipal office with an account showing all the receipts and charges of the Dispensary Fund and a memorandum reconciling the closing balance of the account, the transactions will be incorporated in the accounts of the Municipality under proper heads.

The credits shown in the accounts of the Committee on account of contributions paid by the Municipality should be taken under the head "Advances" to which the corresponding payment in the Municipal accounts should also be debited.

MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT, CIRCULAR No. 16 L. S. G. Calcutta, the 19th March 1903

FROM H. C. WOODMAN, Esq.,

Under-Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

TO ALL COMMISSIONERS OF DIVISIONS.

SIR.

In continuation of Government Circular No. 19T.—M, dated 1st October 1892, in which the punciples were explained on which Government would be prepared to consider the proposal of Municipalities and District Boards for the extension of the Provident Fund system to all superior servants and for the framing of pension

and gratuity rules for servants in inferior employ. I am directed to forward for the guidance of the local bodies concerned, a set of model rules which have been framed by Government to give effect to those recommendations.

2. I am to request that any proposals which the Municipalities or District Boards in your Division may desire to make may be considered in the light of these model rules, which in respect of the grant of pensions and gratuities to inferior servants, have been framed in accordance with the corresponding provisions in the Civil Service Regulations relating to Government servants with regard to the extension of the Provident Fund system to all servants where pay exceeds Rs 10, a slight amendment only of the existing Provident Fund rules is required, which amendment is shown in the second portion of the enclosure to this letter.

MODEL RULES FOR DISTRICT BOARDS AND MUNICIPALITIES.

- A .- Pension and Gratuity Rules for inferior Servants.
 - Service on pay not exceeding Rs. 10 is inferior service.
 - II.—The service of an inferior servant counts after the age of 16 years.
 - III.—An inferior servant counts periods of authorised leave, but not exceeding five years in his whole service.
 - IV.—An officer whose service has been for some time inferior and for some time superior will count the period of his inferior service towards pension or gratuity on the scale shown in Rule V. On his admission to superior service, he will be required to contribute towards the Provident Fund in accordance with the provisions of the rules of that Fund.
 - No pension or gratuity for the inferior service can, however, be claimed "ntal the officer actually retires from service.

V.—Compensation or invalid gratuity will be granted to inferior servants at the following rates:-

After a service of less than of less than ... 5 yrs. Nil. not less than 5 yrs., but less than 10 ,, 3 mths. pay ... 5 yrs. 10 ,, ,, ,, 15 ,, 4 ,, ,, 15 ,, 20 ,, 5 91 ,, " 20 ,, ,, 30 ,, 6 " **

Compensation or invalid pension, equivalent to half pay, but exceeding Rs. 4 a month, will be granted after a service of not less than 30 years. If the pay of an officer has been reduced during the last three years of his service otherwise than as a penalty, his gratuity or pension may be calculated upon the average of his pay

during the last three years of his service.

VI.—A compensation pension or gratuity is awarded to an officer discharged from service because on a reduction of establishment his appointment is abolished and other suitable employment cannot be found for him. An appointment, the pay of which is reduced as part of a general scheme of revision, is abolished within the meaning of this rule.

VII.—An invalid pension or gratuity is awarded on his retirement from service to an officer who by bodily and mental infirmity is permanent-

ly incapaciated for further service.

VIII.-Inferior servants are not entitled to either

superannuation or retiring pension.

IX.—The record of service, the preparation of service-books, and the procedure to be adopted in dealing with applications for pension and payment of pensions shall be in accordance with the rules prescribed for the Government servants in the Civil service Regulations.

B.—Provident Fund Rules.

The model rules as framed by Government and cir. culated with Government circular No. 83M., dated the 8th July 1898, with the following amendment of rule 1:-

For the words "whose salary is not less than Rs. 15" in the definition of "servant" in Rule 1 (b) of the Provident Fund Rules, substitute "whose salary exceeds Rs. 10"

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