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AN ORDINANCE TO CONSOLIDATE AND AMEND
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ORDINANCE No. XXI of 1934

An Ordinance to Consolidate and Amend the Law Relating to Limitation.

ENACTED by the Governor of the Colony of Kenya, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof. as follows:—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Limitation Short title Ordinance, 1934, and shall come into force on such date as the and commencement. Governor shall by proclamation in the Gazette appoint.

2. (1) In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise Interpretation.

"land" includes immovable property as defined by the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance, and also any cap. 1. share, estate or interest in such property;

"person" includes a class of creditors or other persons;

"person of unsound mind" shall be deemed to mean a person adjudged to be of unsound mind and a person who, though not so adjudged, is found by the Court on inquiry by reason of unsoundness of mind or mental infirmity to be incapable of protecting his interests when suing or being sued;

'minor' includes any person subject to the Age of Majority Ordinance, 1933, who has not attained his majority No. 17 of 1933. within the meaning of that Ordinance and any other person who has not completed the age of eighteen:

"mortgagor" and "mortgagee" shall, wherever possible, respectively be deemed to include a chargor and chargee under the provisions of the Registration of Titles Ordinance;

"rent" includes all services for which a distress may be made, and all annuities and periodical sums of money charged upon or payable out of any land.

(2) The person through whom another person is said to claim means any person by, through, under, or by the act of whom the person claiming became entitled to the estate or interest claimed, as heir, issue in tail, tenant by the courtesy, tenant in dower, successor, special or general occupant, executor, administrator, legatee, husband, assignee, appointee, devisee or otherwise.

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3. All suits or proceedings brought to recover any sum of money secured by any mortgage, chattels transfer or judgment, or charged upon and payable out of and being a lien upon any land or rent or for the recovery of any legacy or share of any inheritance or intestate estate and all actions of secount between partners in land or commerce or between coheirs, or against any executors, guardian, trustee, curator, administrator or agent, shall and may be brought at any time within twelve years next after a present right to receive or have the same shall have accrued to some person capable of giving a discharge for or release of the same, and not after twelve years, unless in the meantime some part of the principal money, or some interest thereon, shall have been paid or some acknowledgment of the right thereto or to maintain such suit, shall have been given in writing, signed by the person liable or by whom the money shall be payable or his agent, to the person entitled thereto or his agent; and in such case no such suit or proceeding shall be brought but within twelve years after such payment or acknowledgment, or the last of such payments or acknowledgments, if more than one was given.

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4. No arrears of rent or of interest in respect of any of the matters referred to in section 3 hereof nor any damages in respect of such arrears of rent or interest shall be recovered by distress or suit but within six years next after the same respectively shall have become due, or next after an acknowledgment of the same in writing shall have been given to the person entitled thereto or his agent signed by the person by whom the same was payable or his agent :

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the person entitled to such subsequent mortgage or incumbrance may recover in such suit the arrears of interest which shall have become due during the whole time that such prior mortgagee or incumbrancer was in such possession or receipt as aforesaid although such time may have exceeded the said term of six wears.

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Entry or distress on breach of condition

12. When any right to make an entry or distress, or to bring a suit to recover any land or rent, by reason of any forfeiture or breach of condition, shall have first accrued in respect of any estate or interest in reversion or remainder, and the land or rent shall have not been recovered by virtue of such right, the right to make an entry or distress or bring a suit to recover such land or rent shall be deemed to have first accrued in respect of such estate or interest at the time when the same shall have become an estate or interest in possession, as if no such forfeiture or breach of condition had

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17. When any person shall be in possession or in receipt of the profits of any land, or in receipt of any rent, by virtue of a lease in writing, by which a rent amounting to the yearly sum of twenty shillings or upwards shall be reserved and the rent reserved by such lease shall have been received by some person wrongfully claiming to be entitled to such land or rent in reversion immediately expectant on the determination of such lease, and no payment in respect of the rent reserved by such lease shall afterwards have been made to the person rightfully entitled thereto, the right of the person entitled to such land or rent subject to such lease, or of the person through whom he claims, to make an entry or distress, or to bring a suit after the determination of such lease, shall be deemed to have first accrued at the time at which the rent reserved by such lease was first so received by the person wrongfully claiming as aforesaid; and no such right shall be deemed to have first accrued upon the determination of such lease to the person rightfully entitled.

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- (2) Where there shall be more than one mortgagor, or more than one person claiming through the mortgagor or mortgagors, such acknowledgment, if given to any of such mortgagors or persons, or his or their agent, shall be as effectual as if the same had been given to all such mortgagors
- (3) Where there shall be more than one mortgagee, or more than one person claiming the estate or interest of the mortgagee or mortgagees, such acknowledgment, signed by one or more of such mortgagees of persons, shall be effectual only as against the party or parties signing as aforesaid, and the person or persons claiming any part of the mortgage money or land or rent by, from, or under him or them, and any person or persons entitled to any estate or estates, interest or interests, to take effect after or in defeasance of his or their estate or estates, interest or interests, and shall not operate to give to the mortgagor or mortgagors a right to redeem the mortgage as against the person or persons entitled to any other undivided or divided part of the money or land or rent.

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(4) Where such of the mortgagees or persons aforesaid as shall have given such acknowledgment shall be entitled to a divided part of the land or rent comprised in the mortgage or some estate or interest therein, and not to any ascertained part of the mortgage money, the mortgagor or mortgagors shall be entitled to redeem the same divided part of the land or rent on payment, with interest, of the part of the mortgage money which shall bear the same proportion to the whole of the mortgage money as the value of such divided part of the land or rent shall bear to the value of the whole of the land or rent comprised in the mortgage.

21. When any one or more of several persons entitled o any land or rent as co-heirs, joint tenants, or tenants in common, shall have been in possession or receipt of the entirety, or more than his or their undivided share or shares, of such land or of the profits thereof, or of such rent, for his or their own benefit, or for the benefit of any person or persons other than the person or persons entitled to the other share or shares of the same land or rent, such possession or receipt shall not be deemed to have been the possession or receipt of or by such last-mentioned person or persons or any of them

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22. When any acknowledgment of the rule of the person entitled to any land or rent shall have been given to him or his agent in writing, signed by the person in possession or in receipt of the profits of such land, or in receipt of such rent, then such possession or receipt of or by the person by whom such acknowledgment shall have been given, shall be deemed, according to the meaning of this Ordinance, to have been the possession or receipt of or by the person to whom or to whose agent such acknowledgment shall have been given at the time of giving the same, and the right of such last mentioned person, or any person claiming through him, to make an entry or distress or bring a suit to recover such land or rent shall be deemed to have first accrued at and not before the time at which such acknowledgment, or the last of such acknowledgments, if more than one, was given.

28. If at the time at which the right of any person to make an entry or distress, or bring a suit to recover any land or rent, shall have first accrued as aforesaid, such person shall have been under any of the disabilities hereinafter mentioned; that is to say, shall have been a minor or a person of unsound mind, then such person or the person claiming

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through him may, notwithstanding that the period of twelve or six years (as the case may be) hereinbefore limited shall have expired, make an entry or distress, or bring a suit to recover such land or rent, at any time within six years next after the time at which the person to whom such right shall have first accrued as aforesaid shall have ceased to be under any such disability, or shall have died, whichever shall have first happened.

24. No entry, distress or suit shall be made or brought But no suit by any person who, at the time at which his right to make brought an entry or distress or to bring a suit to recover any land or beyond thirty rent shall have first accrued, shall be under any of the dis-right accrued, abilities hereinbefore mentioned, or by any person claiming through him, but within thirty years next after the time at which such right shall have first accrued, although the person under disability at such time may have remained under one or more of such disabilities during the whole of such thirty years, or although the term of six years from the time at which he shall have ceased to be under any such disability, or have died, shall not have expired.

25. When any person shall be under any of the dis- No further abilities hereinbefore mentioned at the time at which his time to be right to make an entry or distress, or to bring a suit to allowe recover any land or rent, shall have first accrued, and shall disabilities. die without having ceased to be under any such disability, no time to make an entry or distress, or to bring a suit to recover such land or such rent, beyond the said period of twelve years next after the right of such person to make an entry or distress, or to bring a suit to recover such land or rent, shall have first accrued, or the said period of six years next after the time at which such person shall have died, shall be allowed by reason of any disability of any other person.

26. When the right of any person to make an entry or Barring of distress, or to bring a suit to recover any land or rent to suc which he may have been entitled for an estate or interest in possession, shall have been barred by the determination of the period hereinbefore limited, which shall be applicable in such case, and such person shall, at any time during the said period, have been entitled to any other estate, interest, right, or possibility in reversion, remainder or otherwise, in or to the same land or rent, no entry, distress or suit shall be made or brought by such person, or any person claiming through

him, to recover such land or rent, in respect of such other estate, interest, right or possibility, unless in the meantime such land or rent shall have been recovered by some person entitled to an estate, interest or right which shall have been

limited or taken effect after or in defeasance of such estate or interest in possession.

27. (1) When any land or rent shall be vested in a trustee upon any express trust, the right of the cestui que trust, or any person claiming through him, to bring a suit against the trustee, or any person claiming through him, to recover such land or rept, shall be deemed to have first accrued, according to the meaning of this Ordinance, at, and not before the time at which such land or rent shall have been conveyed to a purchaser for a valuable consideration. and shall then be deemed to have accrued only as against such purchaser and any person claiming through him.

(2) (i) In any action or other proceeding against a trustee or any person claiming through him, except where the claim is founded upon any fraud or fraudulent breach of trust to which the trustee was party or privy, or is to recover trust property, or the proceeds thereof still retained by the trustee. or previously received by the trustee and converted to his

use, the following provisions shall apply-

(a) all rights and privileges conferred by any law of limitations shall be enjoyed in the like manner and to the like extent as they would have been enjoyed in such suit or other proceeding if the trustee or person claiming through him had not been a trustee

or person claiming through him;

(b) if the suit or other proceeding is brought to recover money or other property, and is one to which no existing law of limitations applies, the trustee or person claiming through him shall be entitled to the benefit of and be at liberty to plead the lapse of time as a bar to such suit or other proceeding in the like manner and to the like extent as if the claim had been against him in a suit of debt for money had and received but so nevertheless that the law shall run against a married woman entitled in possession for her separate use, whether with or without a restraint upon anticipation, but shall not begin to ron against any beneficiary unless and until the interest of such beneficiary shall be an interest in possession.

(ii) No beneficiary, as against whom there would be a good defence by virtue of this section, shall derive any greater or other benefit from a judgment or order obtained by another beneficiary than he could have obtained if he had brought such suit or other proceeding and this section had been pleaded.

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(iii) This section shall apply only to suits or other proceedings commenced after the coming into operation of this Ordinance, and shall not deprive any executor or administrator of any right or defence to which he is entitled under any existing law of limitation.

(3) After the commencement of this Ordinance no suit, or other proceeding shall be brought to recover any sum of money or legacy charged upon or payable out of any land or rent, at law or in equity, and secured by an express trust, or to recover any arrears of rent or of interest in respect of any sum of money or legacy so charged or payable and so secured, or any damages in respect of such arrears, except within the time within which the same would be recoverable if there were not any such trust.

28. In every case of a concealed fraud, the right of any In case of person to bring a suit in equity for the recovery of any land time shall run or rent of which he, or any person through whom he claims, while fraud may have been deprived by such fraud, shall be deemed to have first accrued at and not before the time at which such fraud shall, or with reasonable diligence might, have been first known or discovered:

Provided that nothing in this section contained shall enable any owner of lands or rents to have a suit in equity for the recovery of such lands or rents, or for setting aside any conveyance of such lands or rents on account of fraud against any bona fide purchaser for valuable consideration who has not assisted in the commission of such fraud, and who at the time that he made the purchase did not know and had no reason to believe that any such fraud had been

30. At the determination of the period limited by this Extinguish Part to any person for making an entry or distress, or bring- ment of right. ing any suit, the right and title of such person to the land or rent for the recovery whereof such entry, distress, or suit respectively might have been made or brought within such period shall be extinguished.

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30. The receipt of the rent payable by any tenant from ear to year, or other lessee, shall, as against such lessee or any person claiming under him (but subject to the lease), be gmed to be the receipt of the profits of the land for the purposes of this Part.

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- 31. (1) For any debt (including arrears of rent) due to a deceased person, and for any injury to or right in respect of his personal estate in his lifetime, his personal representative shall have the same right of action as the deceased would have had if alive.
- (2) The personal representative of a deceased maintain for any injury committed to the immovable property of the deceased within six months before his death any suit which the deceased could have maintained, but the suit must be brought within one year after his death, and any damages recovered in the suit shall be part of the personal estate of the deceased.
- (3) A personal respresentative may distrain for arrears of a rent charge due or accruing to the deceased in his lifetime on the land affected or charged therewith, so long as the land remains in the possession of the person liable to pay the rent charge or of the persons deriving title under mim, and in like manner as the deceased might have done had he been
- (4) A personal representative may distrain upon land for arrears of rent due or accruing to the deceased in like manner as the deceased might have done had he been living.

Such arrears may be distrained for after the termination of the lease or tenancy as if the term or interest had not determined, if the distress is made-

- (a) within six months after the termination of the lease or tenancy;
- (b) during the continuance of the possession of the lesses or tenant from whom the arrears were due.

The law for the time-heing in office relating to distress for rent shall apply to any distress made pursuant to this sub-section.

(5) A suit may be maintained against the personal reprisentative of a decessed person for any wrong committed by the deceased within six months before his death to another person in respect of his property, movable or immovable, but 1984

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the suits shall be brought within six months after the personal representative of the deceased has taken out representation.

Any damages recovered in the proceedings shall be payable as a simple contract debt incurred by the deceased

(6) A suit may be maintained against the personal representative of a deceased person for any breach of contract or breach of trust committed by the deceased subject to the same periods of limitation as would have applied had the deceased been living.

PART III

GENERAL AND SUPPLEMENTARY

82. All instruments shall, for the purposes of this Computation Ordinance, be deemed to be made with reference to the mentioned in British calendar

33. In computing the period of limitation prescribed Time of for any suit, the time during which the defendant has been an absent from the Colony shall not be excluded

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84. Where the period of limitation prescribed for any Where court surt, or application expires on a day when the Court is closed, the suit or application may be instituted, preferred or made expires on the day that the Court re-opens.

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86. Nothing in this Ordinance contained shall be Saving the doesned to interfere with any rule or jurisdiction of any Court Equity of Equity in refusing relief on the grounds of acquioscence or otherwise to any person whose right to bring a sust may not be barred by virtue of this Ordinance

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97. (D Suits instituted in the Colony on contracts Suits on entered into in a foreign country are subject to the rules of foreign imitation contained in this Ordinance.

(2). No foreign law of limitation shall be a defence to a suit instituted in the Colony on a contract entered into in a foreign country, unless the foreign law has extinguished the contract during the period prescribed by such foreign law

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- 88. (1) Nothing in this Ordinance shall-
- (a) affect the provisions of section 25 of the Indian Contract Act, 1872, as applied to the Colony;
- (b) affect or alter any period of limitation specially prescribed for any suit or application by any Ordinance or law now or hereafter in force in the Colony;
- (c) apply to suits under the Divorce Ordinance;
- (d) in a suit where the period of limitation prescribed by this Ordinance is longer than the period of limitation prescribed by the Indian Limitation Act, 1877, as applied to the Colony, revive a suit which, on the date of the coming into force of this Ordinance, would have been barred under the said Indian Limitation Act.

Provisions for suits for which the period prescribed is shorter than that prescribed by the Indian Limitation Act. 1877

39. Notwithstanding anything herein contained, any suit for which the period of limitation prescribed by this Ordinance is shorter than the period of limitation prescribed by the Indian Limitation Act, 1877, as applied to the Colony, may be instituted within the period of two years next after the commencement of this Ordinance, or within the period prescribed for such suit by the Indian Limitation Act, 1877, whichever period expires first.

Limitation mus, be pleaded specifically 40. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Ordinance or in any law or Ordinance now or hereafter in force in the Colony, no suit, application or proceeding shall be rejected or dismissed on the grounds that such suit, application or proceeding is barred by the provisions of this Ordinance or by the provisions of any other law or Ordinance now or hereafter in force in the Colony, unless such provision of provisions of are specifically pleaded.

Repeal

41 The Indian Limitation Act, 1877, as applied to the colony save in so far as it relates to prescription is hereby repealed

Provided that where in the said Indian Limitation Act any act matter or thing is required to be done within a specified period, and a period of limitation in respect of any such act matter or thing is not provided for in this Ordinance or no any other law or Ordinance now or hereafter in force in

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the Colony then, notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the period of limitation provided for in the said Indian Limitation Act in respect of the said act, matter or thing shall regnain in full force and effect.

Passed in the Legislative Council the tenth day of May, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty-four.

This printed impression has been carefully compared by me with the Bill which passed the Legislative Council and is presented for authentication and assent as a true and correct copy of the said Bill.

J. F. G. TROUGHTON

Acting Clerk of the Legislative Council.

LEGAL REPORT

THE LIMITATION BILL, 1934

This Bill is designed to substitute modern legislation for the Indian Limitation Act, 1877, which, although replaced in India by the Act of 1908, is still the law of climitation applicable to this Colony.

The Governments of Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika, Nyasaland and Northern Rhodesia, recognizing the importance of achieving uniformity on the question of limitation, have each agreed to introduce legislation based substantially on the English Acts and conforming, wherever practicable, to the law in force in the other territories. This Bill has been drafted in pursuance of that agreement.

with the exception of a few Clauses which have been drawn from the Indian Act of 1908 the Bill in general follows the provisions of the English Limitation Statutes and is either modelled directly upon them or upon Colonial law which embodies them. In two respects, however, the Bill departs from English law. The period of limitation for all suits of togt has been fixed at two years, and no reference has been made in regard to mixed suits.

A Comparative Table showing the origin of the different sections is enclosed.

In my opinion, His Excellency the Governor may properly assent to this Bill in the name and on behalf of His Enjesty.

Mairobi, loth May, 1934. ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Cf. 21 Jac. I Cap. 16, section 3.

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	22. / *	Cap. 47 s.15.	Cf.3 & 4 Will.IV Cap.27 section 14	
	23.	Cap.47 x.16.	Cf.37 & 38 Vic. Cap.57 section 3.	The section of the Imperial Act has been followed exactly.
	24.	Cap.47 s.17.	Cf.37 & 38 Vic. Cap.57 section 5.	
	25.	Cap.47 s.18.	Cf.3 & 4 Wilk.IV Cap.27 section 18.	The section of the Imperial Act has been followed except for miner altera-
			<u></u> 9	tions and the substitution of 6 and 12 years for 10 and 20 years.
	26.	6ap.47 a.19.	Cf.3 & 4 Will.IV Cap.27 section 20.	
•	27.(1)	Gap. 47 s. 20.	Cf. 5 & 4 Will.IV Cap.27 section 25.	,
	27(2).		Cf.51 & 52 Vic. Cap.59 section 8.	
	27.(3).		Cf. 37 & 38 Vic. exp. 57 section 10.	
	30.	6mp.47 m.23.	Cf.3 & & Will.IV Cmp.27 section 26.	
	29. 1	0ap.47 s.22.	Cf.3 & 4 Will.IV. Cap.27 section 54.	
	50.	Sap.47 s.25.	Gap.27 section 36.	
	31.(1).		Cf.15 Geo.V Sep. 25 section 26(1).	
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	35. h	~	,	Cf.Indian Limitation Act,1908,section 13. The word "not" in the last line is new.
	34.			Cf.Indian Limitation
. 51	35.	•	Cf.3 & 4 Will.IV. Cap.27 section 27.	
	26.	ed .	Cf.9 Geo.IV Cap. 14 section 4.	The provision as to counterclaim is new.
	37.			Cf.Indian Limitation Act, 1908, section 3
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