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Kenya

No. 15361.

SUBJECT

CO 533/381

Departmental Offences Bill.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,

KENYA.

1928.

Sir,

With reference to your despatch

X.F. 3214/26. No. 659, of the 16th July 1926, I have the honour to transmit a draft Ordinance to provide for the punishment of Departmental offences and irregularities which, subject to your approval, I propose to introduce in Legislative Council. A statement of Object is also enclosed.

2. Owing to doubts as to whether the system of Departmental punishment was discontinued in 1912, and such time as the system should become superseded, and at the principles and reasons underlying the creation of this kind of general acceptance among Colonial Governments, I desire to comment on the necessity for its application to this Colony.

3. The only point in the draft Bill which appears to be open to question is that relating to the maximum salary fixed for the purpose of defining a subordinate European officer and a subordinate non-European officer, viz., £1,200 per annum and £1,000 per annum respectively, vide

4. I am aware that in the ordinance you

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
LIEUTENANT COLONEL

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET, LONDON S.W.

have

A BILL
TO PROVIDE FOR
THE PUNISHMENT OF DEPARTMENTAL OFFENCES.

BE IT ENACTED by the Governor of the Colony of Kenya, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:-

Short title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the "Departmental Offences Ordinance, 1928".

Definitions.

(1) In this Ordinance, unless the context requires, the term "Subordinate officer" means, in the case of an officer appointed under the conditions of service ordinarily applicable to Europeans, an officer whose salary does not exceed £600 per annum, and in the case of any other officer, an officer whose salary does not exceed £223 per annum.

(2) The powers by this Ordinance conferred upon the head of a department may be exercised also by a senior commissioner and by any other European officer authorised in that behalf by the Governor.

Offences.

3. If any subordinate officer of Government -

(1) contravenes any regulation or instruction in force in the department in which he is serving; or

(2) disobeys or neglects to obey any lawful order of any officer in authority over him; or

(3)-

Provided also that where the Colonial Secretary shall have declared by writing under his hand that he has cancelled the penalty imposed on a person convicted of an offence against this Ordinance, in order that proceedings may be taken against such person in court of law, such person shall not be deemed to have been punished for ~~off~~ to have expiated such offence.

Power to make rules.

10. The Governor may make rules -

- (1) conferring powers upon heads of departments to enable them to enquire into offences;
- (2) prescribing the manner in which and the objects to which fines imposed under this Ordinance shall apply;
- (3) regulating the procedure to be given to persons to this

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