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24. It shall not be lawful for any person, without the permission in Beating writing of the Governor or a Magistrate to assemble or be in any street, house, building, garden, yard, or other place beating any drum, permission gong, tomtom, or other instrument, or dancing thereto; and any constable by himself, or with such assistance as he may take to his aid, may warn the persons so unlawfully assembled to depart, and for this purpose may enter into such house, building, garden, yard, or place in which persons are assembled as aforesaid.

Any person who, after being so warned, shall not depart forthwith Penalty on (except the persons actually dwelling in such house or building), may persons refusing to he apprehended without warrant by any constable or person acting desist. in his aid, and shall incur a fine which may extend to 10s.

The occupier of such house, building, garden, yard, or place who Penalty on shall have permitted such persons unlawfully to assemble or be therein as aforesaid, shall incur a fine which may extend to 40s., and every drum, gong, tomtom, or other such instrument found in the premises shall be liable to forfeiture.

25. Any Court may prohibit, during the hours of its sitting, and at Court may any place within a radius of 300 yards from the building where such sitting is held, any beating of drums, gongs, tomtoms or other instruments, or other loud noises of any kind or description; and whosoever, being required by any constable or officer of the Court to desist from beating drums, gongs, tomtoms or other instruments, or from making any other noise as aforesaid, fails to comply with such requisition, shall, for every offence, incur a penalty not exceeding 40s., and may be apprehended by any constable without warrant.

26. If any house or building catches or is on fire, it shall be lawful Demolition for any officer of police, Magistrate, or Surveyor to order, with the purpose of staying the spreading or communication of the fire, that any near or adjacent houses or premises to which the fire is likely to communicate shall be demolished, or the roofs thereof broken down, or the thatch or other inflammable roofing pulled or broken from the roofs or other suitable means used for interrupting the communication; but no order for the demolition of any house or premises, or for breaking down the roof, or pulling the roofing material therefrom, shall be given unless the officer is present at the fire and satisfied to the best of his judgment, upon personal view, that such order appears necessary for staying the progress or communication of the fire.

Such orders may be carried out by any constable or other person; Penalty on and if any person obstructs in any manner of way the execution of any obstruction. such order, he shall be liable to a fine which may extend to 10l., or to imprisonment, with or without hard labour, which may extend to sixty days, or to both.

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