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A REVISED EDITION  
OF THE  
ORDINANCES  
OF THE  
COLONY OF THE GAMBIA

INCLUDING  
GOVERNOR'S ORDERS AND PROCLAMATION,  
ORDERS-IN-COUNCIL, AND RULES AND REGULATIONS  
MADE UNDER ORDINANCES; LETTERS PATENT AND  
STANDING ORDERS OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL;  
CERTAIN ACTS OF PARLIAMENT IN FORCE IN THE  
COLONY; ORDERS OF THE KING IN COUNCIL;  
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INDEX  
AND  
APPENDICES.

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- (g) In any street or place of public resort assembles with other persons for any idle, vicious or disorderly purpose, or otherwise than in the regular performance or in pursuance of some lawful calling or object, to the annoyance or obstruction of any passenger or person frequenting such street or place of public resort, or of any person living in the neighbourhood thereof, and does not move away when required by a constable; or Assembling for idle, &c., purpose and not dispersing when required.
- (h) Is guilty of any violent or indecent behaviour in any police-station, lock-up house or other place; or Behaving violently in police-station.
- (i) Commits any nuisance in any street or place of public resort, or in any open space, or in any place being an appurtenance of or adjoining a dwelling-house; or Committing nuisance.
- (j) Behaves irreverently or indecently in or near any church, chapel or other building appropriated for religious worship; or Behaving irreverently in churches.
- (k) Wilfully defaces or removes any public lawful notice or posting bill from any building or place where such notice or bill may lawfully be affixed; or Defacing public notices.
- (l) Posts or affixes any notice, bill or other paper of a frivolous, vexatious, scurrilous, abusive or improper nature to any public notice board or to any hoarding, wall or other place; or writes or draws anything of such a nature on any board, wall or other place; Posting frivolous or improper notices.

he shall be guilty of an offence, and shall for each such offence, in addition to any liability for damage at the suit of any person aggrieved, incur a fine not exceeding forty shillings. Penalty.

(ii) Any person found committing any offence punishable under this section may be taken into custody without warrant by any constable or person whom he may call to his aid, or by the owner or occupier of the property on or with respect to which the offence is committed, or by his servant, or by any person authorised by him, and may be detained until he can be delivered into the custody of a constable, who shall take such person as soon as conveniently may be before the Court to be dealt with according to law. Apprehension of offenders.

#### UNLAWFUL DRUMMING, &c.

20.—(i) No person or persons, without the permission in writing of the Governor or the Commissioner of Police, shall assemble or be in any street, house, building, garden, yard or other place beating any drum, gong, tomtom or other instrument, or dancing or making any unnecessary noise to the disturbance or annoyance of the neighbours. Beating drums, &c., without permission, unlawful.

(ii) 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 so assembled. Warning to be given by constable.

Refusal to  
desist.

21. Whosoever, after being warned, as provided by section 20 hereof, shall not depart forthwith, except the persons actually dwelling in such house or building, may be apprehended without warrant by any constable or person acting in his aid, and shall be liable on conviction to a penalty not exceeding ten shillings.

Penalty.

Liability  
of occupier  
of house, &c.

22. The occupier of any house, building, garden, yard or place who shall have permitted such persons unlawfully to assemble or be therein against the provisions hereof shall be liable on conviction to a penalty not exceeding forty shillings, and every drum, gong, tomtom or other such instrument found on the premises shall be liable to forfeiture.

Court may  
prohibit  
drumming,  
&c., during  
its sittings.

23. Any Court may prohibit during the hours of its sittings, and at any place within a radius of three hundred 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 any person who, on 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 such noise, fails to comply with such requisition, shall for every offence be liable on conviction to a penalty not exceeding forty shillings, and may be apprehended by any constable without warrant.

#### STRAY CATTLE.

Power to  
impound  
stray cattle.

24.—(i) If any cattle are found at large in any street without any person having charge thereof, any constable or person assisting him, or if any cattle shall be found trespassing on any enclosed ground or lot, the owner thereof or anyone acting on his behalf, may seize and impound such cattle, and may detain them in the pound until their owner shall pay to the poundkeeper the expenses of keeping such cattle at a rate not exceeding one shilling a day for each such head of cattle; and, in addition thereto, a penalty of five shillings for each head of cattle, three-fifths of which penalty shall be paid by the poundkeeper into the Colonial Treasury, and the remaining two-fifths shall be paid to the person impounding such cattle. (*No. 17 of 1922, section 2. No. 20 of 1924, section 2.*)

Owner's  
liability for  
pound  
expenses.

Power to sell  
stray cattle.

(ii) If such penalty and expenses are not paid within four clear days from the time of such impounding, the poundkeeper may sell or cause to be sold any such cattle: Provided that previous to such sale three days' notice thereof shall be given or left at the dwelling-house of the owner of such cattle if he is known, or, if not known, then notice of the intended sale shall be conspicuously posted in some usual place for the posting of public notices.

Proviso.

Disposal of  
proceeds  
of sales.

(iii) The money arising from such sale, after deducting such penalty and expenses, shall be paid to the Receiver-General, and be paid by him, on demand and proof of ownership, to the owner of the cattle sold; and if no demand be made within twelve months from the date of impounding, such moneys shall become part of the general revenue of the Colony.