

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS) ACT, 1945.

[BURMA ACT NO. XXXII OF 1945.]

Rangoon, the 4th January 1946.

The following Act is published for information:-

WHEREAS the Governor of Burma has constituted a Legislative Council to be associated with him in the exercise of his legislative functions;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to define the privileges of the members of the said Legislative Council;

AND WHEREAS by Proclamation, dated the tenth day of December, 1942, the Governor of Burma has assumed to himself all powers vested by or under the Government of Burma Act, 1935, in the Legislature or in either Chamber thereof;

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the said powers, it is hereby enacted by the Governor of Burma as follows:-

Short title, commencement and duration.

1. (1) This Act may be called **the Legislative Council (Privileges of Members) Act, 1945.**

(2) It shall remain in force until the Governor declares, by notification, that it shall no longer be in force.

Definition.

2. In this Act "**Council**" means the Legislative Council constituted under the Proclamation, dated the 17th October, 1945.

Freedom of speech in the Council.

3. Subject to the provisions contained in the Government of Burma (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1945, and to the Order-in-Council made in pursuance thereof and to the rules regarding the powers, duties and procedure of the Council, there shall be freedom of speech in the Council, and no member of the Council shall be liable to any proceeding in any Court in respect of anything said or any vote given by him, in the Council or any Committee thereof, and no person shall be liable in respect of the publication by or under the authority of the Governor or the President of the Council of any report, paper, votes or proceedings.

Other privileges of members of Council.

4. In so far as no express provision is made in this Act the privileges of members of the Council shall be such as were before the commencement of this Act enjoyed by members of the Burma Legislature under the Government of Burma Act, 1935.

Council not to have status of Court.

5. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, nothing in this Act shall be construed as conferring, or empowering the Council to confer, on the Council or any Committee or officer thereof; the status of a Court, or any punitive or disciplinary powers other than the power to remove or exclude persons infringing the rules and standing orders or otherwise behaving in a disorderly manner.

In the name of His Majesty I assent to this Act.

R. H. DORMAN-SMITH,
Governor of Burma.

RANGOON, the 15th December 1945.