

THE PRISONERS OF WAR CONTROL ACT, 1947.

[BURMA ACT NO. XLII OF 1947.]

RANGOON, the thirty-first day of July 1947.

No.296.- The following Act is published for general information:-

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. This Act shall be deemed to have come into force with effect from the first day of August, 1947.
2. Notwithstanding the declaration made under section 2 of the Present War Termination (Definition) Act 1946, prisoners of war shall, as from the 31st January 1947, be deemed to have been legally dealt with as such prisoners under war-time authority and shall continue so to be dealt with until the Governor otherwise directs.
3. The Governor may, by order, make provision-
 - (a) for regulating access to, and the conduct of persons in, places in British Burma where prisoners of war are detained, and for prohibiting or regulating the despatch or conveyance, from outside such places to or for prisoners of war therein, of any such articles as may be specified in the order;
 - (b) for regulating the conditions to be observed in connection with the employment and maintenance of prisoners of war in British Burma while elsewhere than in places for the detention of prisoners of war.
4. No proceedings shall be taken, by virtue of this Act, against a person in respect of any act done by him when he is himself a prisoner of war.
5. If any person contravenes any order made under the provisions of this Act, he shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to five years or with fine or with both.
6. Any person who attempts to contravene, or abets, or attempts to abet, or does any act preparatory to, a contravention of, any of the provisions of this Act shall be deemed to have contravened that provision.
7. No suit, prosecution or other legal proceedings shall lie against any person for anything which is in good faith done or intended to be done in pursuance of this Act.

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

H. E. RANCE,
Governor of Burma.

RANGOON, the thirty-first day of July 1947.