BRITISH GUIANA.

ORDINANCE No. 36 of 1951.

An Ordinance further to amend the Forestry Ordinance by making provision for the registration of sawmills; for the abolition of the Forest Trust and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid.

BE IT ENACTED by the Governor of British Guiana, with the A.D. 1951. advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Forestry (Amendment) Ordinance, 1951, and shall be construed and read as one with the Forestry Ordinance, hereinafter referred to as the Cap. 176. Principal Ordinance, and any Ordinance amending the same.
Amendment of section 2 of the Principal Ordinance.

2. Section two of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended by the insertion therein after the definition of the expression "forest produce" of the following new definition —

"sawmill" includes —

(a) any sawpit; or
(b) any premises wherein timber is stored or kept for the purposes of a sawmill.

Amendment of section 5 (1) of the Principal Ordinance.

3. Subsection (1) of section five of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended by the addition thereto of the following paragraphs —

(c) the registration of saw mills;
(d) the keeping and inspection of books and records in connection with sawmills and the returns to be submitted in connection therewith to such persons as may be specified in the Regulations;
(e) the submission of returns showing the number, categories and wages of all persons employed on wood-cutting grants, or in sawmills and in all operations incidental thereto;
(f) the provision of medical attention on woodcutting grants and sawmills.

Amendment of section 11 of the Principal Ordinance.

4. Section eleven of the Principal Ordinance is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor —

11. (1) Where there is reason to believe that a forest property offence has been committed in respect of any forest produce, such produce, together with all tools, boats, and vehicles used in the commission of that offence may be seized by any forest officer or constable.

(2) Every officer and every constable seizing any property under this section shall place on such property a mark indicating that the same has been so seized, and shall, as soon as may be, make a report of such seizure to the magistrate having jurisdiction to try the offence on account of which the seizure has been made:

Provided that where the forest produce is the property of the Crown and the offender is unknown, it shall be sufficient if the officer or constable makes a report as soon as possible to the Conservator.

(3) Any person who unlawfully removes or attempts to remove any property seized under this section shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five hundred dollars or to imprisonment for six months.

Further amendments to the Principal Ordinance.

5. The Principal Ordinance is hereby further amended —

(a) by the deletion of the title "The Forest Trust" occurring after section twenty-six; and
(b) by the repeal of sections twenty-seven, twenty-nine and thirty-one.

Passed by the Legislative Council this 12th day of July, 1951.

Clerk of the Legislative Council.

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