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ACT No. III OF 1886.

Passed by the Governor General of India in Council.

(Received the assent of the Governor General on the 29th January, 1886.)

An Act to amend the Northern India Ferries Act, 1878.

XVII of 1878.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Northern India Ferries Act, 1878; It is hereby enacted as

1. (1) For section 8 the following shall be substi- Substitution tuted, namely:—

"8. The tolls of any public ferry may, from time tion 8, and to time, be let by public auction for a term not ex- amendment of sections ceeding five years with the approval of the Commis- 12 and 15. sioner, or by public auction, or otherwise than by public auction, for any term with the previous sanction of the Local Government.

"The lessee shall conform to the rules made under this Act for the management and control of the ferry, and may be called upon by the officer in whom the immediate superintendence of the ferry is vested, or, if the ferry is managed by a municipal or other public body under section 7 or section 7A, then by that body, to give such security for his good conduct and for the punctual payment of the rent as the officer or body, as the case may be, thinks fit.

"When the tolls are put up to public auction, the said officer or body, as the case may be, or the officer conducting the sale on his or its behalf, may, for reasons recorded in writing, refuse to accept the offer of the highest bidder, and may accept any other bid, or may withdraw the tolls from auction."

(2) For

- (2) For section 12, clause (b), the following shall be substituted, namely:—
 - "(b) for regulating the time and manner at and in which, and the terms on which, the tolls of such ferries may be let by auction, and prescribing the persons by whom auctions may be conducted."
- (3) In the third paragraph of section 15, for the word "auction" the word "lease" shall be substituted.

Amendment of section 13, and substitution of new section for section 26.

- 2. (1) For the first paragraph of section 13 the following shall be substituted, namely:—
- "Except with the sanction of the Magistrate of the district or of such other officer as the Local Government may, from time to time, appoint in this behalf, by name or in virtue of his office, no person shall establish, maintain or work a ferry to or from any point within a distance of two miles from the limits of a public ferry."
- (2) In the second proviso to the said section, after the word "boats" the words "which do not ply for hire or" shall be inserted.
- (3) For section 26 the following shall be substituted, namely:—

Penalty for maintaining private ferry within prohibited limits. "26. Whoever establishes, maintains or works a ferry in contravention of the provisions of section 13 shall be punished with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees, and with a further fine which may extend to one hundred rupees for every day during which the ferry is maintained or worked in contravention of those provisions."