

No. S. 60.—The following draft bill is published for general information.

A BILL

INTITULED

An Ordinance to restrict the employment of aliens and of former enemy aliens on certain British ships registered in the Colony of Hongkong.

BE it enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

Short title. 1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Aliens Employment) Ordinance, 1922.

Interpretation. 2. In this Ordinance:—

9 & 10 Geo. 5, c. 92, s. 5.

“Former enemy alien” means an alien who is or at any time has been a subject or citizen of the German Empire or any component state thereof, or of Austria, Hungary, Bulgaria, or Turkey, except—

(i) any former subject of the German Empire or any component state thereof, or of Austria, Hungary, Bulgaria or Turkey, who has changed his allegiance as a result of the recognition of new states or territorial re-arrangements, and

(ii) any former subject or citizen of the German Empire or any component state thereof, or of Austria, Hungary, Bulgaria or Turkey, who has been naturalized in any other foreign state or in any British possession in accordance with the laws thereof and when actually resident therein, and who, by virtue of such naturalization or otherwise, has lost the nationality of the former enemy state of which he was originally a national.

Employment of aliens in British ships. 3.—(1.) No alien shall be employed or shall act as master, chief officer, or chief engineer of a British ship of over sixty tons net register tonnage registered in the Colony: Provided that this prohibition shall not apply to any person who holds a valid certificate of exemption granted by the Governor in Council and who complies with the conditions, if any, attached to such exemption, or to any alien who has acted as a master, chief officer, or chief engineer of a British ship at any time during the war and who is certified by the Admiralty to have performed good and faithful service in that capacity.

9 & 10 Geo. 5, c. 92, s. 5.

(2.) No alien shall be employed in any capacity on board a British ship of over sixty tons net register tonnage registered in the Colony unless he has produced to the officer before whom he is engaged satisfactory proof of his nationality.

Employment of former enemy aliens in British ships. 4. No former enemy alien shall be employed or shall act as master, officer, or member of the crew of a British ship registered in the Colony.

9 & 10 Geo. 5, c. 92, s. 12.

5. Every person who engages an alien or a former enemy alien within the Colony for employment on a British ship in contravention of the provisions of this Ordinance shall also be guilty of an offence against this Ordinance, and where the person guilty of an offence is a company, every director and officer of the company shall be guilty of the like offence unless he proves that the act constituting the offence took place without his consent or connivance.

Persons engaging aliens or former enemy aliens for employment in contravention of the Ordinance.

6. Every person who is guilty of an offence against this Ordinance shall be liable upon summary conviction to a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars or to imprisonment for any term not exceeding six months.

Penalties.

*Objects and Reasons.*

The object of this bill is to restrict the employment of aliens on British ships of over sixty tons net register tonnage registered in the Colony, and to prohibit the employment of former enemy aliens on all British ships registered in the Colony. It is based on sections 5 and 12 of the Aliens Restriction (Amendment) Act, 1919, 9 and 10 Geo. 5, c. 92.

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**NOTICES.**

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

No. S. 61.—The following is published for general information.

**TERRITORY OF NEW GUINEA.**

**Vacancy for Director of Agriculture.**

Applications are invited for appointment as Director of Agriculture in the Territory of New Guinea, administered by the Commonwealth of Australia under mandate from the League of Nations.

The duties of the Director of Agriculture will be to advise on the agricultural development of New Guinea (both as to European-managed plantations and native gardens); to supervise scientific inquiries respecting plant diseases, soils, etc.; and to control and manage under the Administrator the Agricultural Department of the Territory.

Applicants must have had a thorough training in the sciences underlying agriculture (honors degree preferred) and some experience of tropical agriculture (coconuts preferred.) Age under 40 desirable.

The appointment will be in the first instance for 5 years, with opportunity of renewal if services are satisfactory.

The salary will be not less than £1,000 per annum. Applicants should state the salary they require. There is no provision at present for pensions; but the successful candidate will enjoy any pension benefits applicable to the post which may hereafter be conferred.

First-class passage to Rabaul *via* Australia for appointee and family (not exceeding three adult fares) will be provided, and return passages if the appointee completes five years service. Three months' furlough will be allowed after two years' service.

Applications should be addressed to the Official Secretary for Australia, Australia House, Strand, London, W.C., 2 and should reach him not later than 31st March, 1922.