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BOMBAY ACT NO. I OF 1904¹
[THE MAHARASHTRA GENERAL CLAUSES ACT,]

[30th May, 1904]

Amended by Bom. 4 of 1905.

Adapted and modified by the Adaptation of Indian Laws Order in Council.

Amended by Bom. 17 of 1945. ‡

Amended by Bom. 5 of 1948.

Adapted and modified by the Adaptation of Laws Order, 1950.

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Adapted and modified by the Bombay Adaptation of Laws (State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1956.

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Amended by Bom. 8 of 1958.

Adapted and modified by the Maharashtra Adaptation of Laws (State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1960.

Amended by Mah. 24 of 2012. (22-08-2012) @

**An Act for further shortening the language used in Bombay Acts,
and for other purposes**

WHEREAS it is expedient further to shorten the language used in Bombay Acts, and to make certain other provisions relating to those Acts ; It is hereby enacted as follows :—

Preliminary

1. This Act may be called ²[the Maharashtra General Clauses Act]

³[1-A. The provisions of this Act which relate to Bombay Acts, Regulations and Ordinances shall apply also in relation to Acts, Regulations and Ordinances of the * State of Bombay passed, made or promulgated on or after the 1st day of November 1956 and such provisions of this Act as relate to any notification, order, scheme, rule, by-law, or form shall apply also in relation to any notification, order, scheme, rule, by-law, or form issued or made under any Act, Regulation or Ordinance passed, made or promulgated on or after that date :

Provided that where any such Act, Regulation, Ordinance, notification, order, scheme, rule, by-law or form passed, made or promulgated on or after the 1st day of November 1956 amends any Act, Regulation, Ordinance, notification, order, scheme, rule, by-law or form passed, made or promulgated before that date in relation to the territories transferred to the new State of Bombay under clauses (b) to (e) of sub-section (1) of section 8 of the States Reorganisation Act, 1956, the law in force of these territories in respect of the interpretation of the law so amended shall apply to the amending law, and not the provisions hereinafter of this Act.]

XXX-
VII of
1956.

Short title.

Extension of application of Act to Acts, rules, etc. made on or after the 1st day of November, 1956.

1 For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Bombay Government Gazette, 1903, Pt. VII, pp. 5, 6; for Report of Select Committee, see *ibid.*, 1904, Pt. VII, p. 1, and for Proceedings in Council, see *ibid.*, 1903, Pt. VII, p. 130 *ibid.*, 1904, Pt. VII, p. 42.

2 This short title was amended for the "the Bombay General clauses Act, 1904" by Mah. 24 of 2012, s. 2, Sch. Entry 11, w.e.f. 1-6-1960.

3 This section was inserted by Bom. 24 of 1957, s. 2.

* The words "State of Bombay" shall stand unmodified, vide the Maharashtra Adaptation of Laws (State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1960.

‡ This Act has been re-enacted and the amendments made by section 9 and Sch. E of the said Act have been continued in force by Bom. 52 of 1947, s. 2.

@ This indicates the date of commencement of the Act.

Extension of application of Act to Acts, rules, etc. of State of Maharashtra.

¹[**1B.** The provisions of this Act which relate to Bombay Acts, Regulations and Ordinances shall apply also in relation to Acts, Regulations and Ordinances of the State of Maharashtra passed, made or promulgated on or after the 1st day of May, 1960 and such provisions of this Act as relate to any notification, order, scheme, rule, by-law or form shall apply also in relation to any notification, order, scheme, rule, by-law, or form issued or made under any Act, Regulation or Ordinance passed, made or promulgated on or after that date :

Provided that where any such Act, Regulation, Ordinance, notification, order, scheme, rule, by-law or form passed, made or promulgated on or after that date amends any Act, Regulation, Ordinance, notification, order, scheme, rule, by-law or form passed, made or promulgated in relation to any territory of the State of Maharashtra, not being the Bombay area of that State, the law in force in those territories in the interpretation of the law so amended shall apply to the amending law, and not the provisions hereinafter of this Act.]

Repeal. **2.** The Bombay Acts mentioned in the Schedule are repealed to the extent specified in the fourth column thereof.

General Definitions

Definitions. **3.** In this Act, and in all Bombay Acts ²[or Maharashtra Acts] made after the commencement of this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,—

"Abet." (1) "abet" with its grammatical variations and cognate expressions, shall have the same meaning as in the Indian Penal Code :

XLV
of
1860.

"Act." (2) "act", used with reference to an offence or a civil wrong, shall include a series of acts ; and words which refer to acts done shall extend also to illegal omissions.

"Affidavit." (3) "affidavit" shall include affirmation and declaration in the case of persons by law allowed to affirm or declare instead of swearing ;

"Barrister." (4) "barrister" shall mean a barrister of England or Ireland, or a member of the Faculty of Advocates in Scotland ;

"Bombay Act." (5) "Bombay Act" shall mean an Act made by the ⁵[Governor of Bombay] in Council under the ³[Indian Councils Act, 1861] or the Indian Councils Act, 1861 and 1892 ⁴[or the Indian Councils Acts, 1861 to 1909 or the Government of India Act, 1915, or made by the local Legislature, or the Governor of the Presidency of Bombay under the Government of India Act, or by the Provincial Legislature, or the ⁵[Governor of Bombay], under the Government of India Act, 1935], ⁶[or made by the Legislature of the ⁷[pre-Re-organisation or reorganised] ⁵[State of Bombay] under the Constitution];

1 This section was inserted by the Maharashtra Adaptation of Laws (State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1960.

2 These words were inserted, *ibid.*

3 See now the Government of India Act, 1935.

4 These words and figures were inserted by the Adaptation of Indian Laws Order in Council.

5 These words stand unmodified *vide* Maharashtra Adaptation of Laws (State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1960.

6 This portion was inserted by the Adaptation of Laws Order, 1950.

7 These words were substituted for the words "State of Bombay" by the Bombay Adaptation of Laws (State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1956.

¹[(6) "Bombay area of the State of Maharashtra" shall mean the area of the State of Maharashtra excluding the Vidarbha region, and the Hyderabad area, of that State;]

²(7)* * * * *

²(8)* * * * *

(9) "Chapter" shall mean a Chapter of the Act in which the word "Chapter" occurs ;

"Chapter."

Bom.
XVII
of
1945.

³[(10) "City of Bombay" shall mean the area within the local limits of the ordinary original civil jurisdiction of the Bombay High Court of Judicature immediately before the date on which the Greater Bombay Laws and the Bombay High Court (Declaration of Limits) Act, 1945, came into force ;]

"City of
Bombay."

(11) "Collector" shall mean, in the. *City of Bombay, the Collector of Bombay ; and elsewhere the chief officer in charge of the revenue administration of a district ;

"Collector."

(12) "commencement" used with reference to an Act, shall mean the day on which the Act comes into force ;

"Commence-
ment."

⁴[(13) "Commissioner" shall mean the Commissioner of a division appointed under the f Bombay Land Revenue Code, 1879 ;]

Bom.
V of
1879.

(14) "Consular Officer" shall include consul-general, consul, Vice-consul, consular agent, pro-consul and any person for the time being authorised to perform the duties of consul-general, consul, vice-consul or consular agent ;

"Consular
Officer."

(15) "District Judge" shall mean the Judge of a principal Civil Court of original jurisdiction, but shall not include a High Court in the exercise of its ordinary or extraordinary original civil jurisdiction ;

"District
Judge."

(16) "document" shall include any matter written, expressed or described upon any substance by means of letters, figures or marks, or by more than one of those means, which is intended to be used, or which may be used, for the purpose of recording that matter ;

"Document."

(17) "enactment" shall include⁵* * *any Regulation of the Bombay Code, and shall also include any provision contained in any Act or in any such Regulation as aforesaid ;

"Enactment."

(18) "father" in the case of any one whose personal law permits adoption, shall include an adoptive father ;

"Father."

(19) "financial year" shall mean the year commencing on the first day of April ;

"Financial
year."

1 This clause was inserted by the Maharashtra Adaptation of Laws (State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1960.

2 Clauses (7) and (8) were omitted by the Adaptation of Indian Laws Order in Council.

3 This clause was substituted for the original by Bom. 17 of 1945, s. 9, Sch. E, read with Bom. 52 of 1947, s. 2 proviso.

4 This clause was inserted by Bom. 8 of 1958, 3, Sch.

5 The words deleted by Bom. 5 of 1948, s. 2, have been omitted.

* The Name of this city was restored as "Mumbai" vide Mah. 25 of 1996, s. 3.

f See now the Maharashtra Land Revenue code, 1968 (Mah. XLI & 1966).

"Good faith."	(20) "a thing shall be deemed to be done in "good faith" where it is in fact done honestly, whether it is done negligently or not ;	
	¹ [(21) "*Greater Bombay" shall mean the areas specified in Schedule A to the Greater Bombay Laws and the Bombay High Court (Declaration of Limits) Act, 1945] ;	Bom. XVIII of 1945.
"High Court."	(22) "High Court", used with reference to civil proceedings shall mean the highest Civil Court of appeal in the part of the Bombay Presidency ² [and after the 1st day of May 1960 in the part of the State of the Maharashtra] in which the Act containing the expression operates ;	
	³ [(23) "Hyderabad area of the ⁴ [State of Bombay]" shall mean the territories transferred to the new State of Bombay under clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 8 of the States Reorganisation Act, 1956 ⁵ [and after the 1st day of May 1960 the said territories which form part of the State of Maharashtra shall be known as the Hyderabad area of the State of Maharashtra];	XXXVII of 1956.
"Immoveable property."	(24) "immovabile property" shall include land, benefits to arise out of land, and things attached to the earth, or permanently fastened to anything attached to the earth ;	
"Imprisonment."	(25) "imprisonment" shall mean imprisonment of either description as defined in the ⁶ [Indian Penal Code];	XLV of 1860.
	7* * * * *	
"Local authority."	(26) "local authority" shall mean a municipal corporation, municipality, local board, body of port trustees or commissioners or other authority legally entitled to, or entrusted by the Government with, the control or management of municipal or local fund ;	
	⁸ [(27) "Maharashtra Act" shall mean an Act made on or after the 1st day of May 1960 by the Legislature of the State of Maharashtra under the Constitution] ;	
"Magistrate."	(28) "Magistrate" shall include every person exercising all or any of the powers of a Magistrate under the Code of Criminal Procedure, for the time being in force ;	
"Master (of a ship)."	(29) "master" used with reference to a ship, shall mean any person (except a pilot or harbour-master) having for the time being control or charge of the ship ;	

1 This clause was inserted by Bom. 17 of 1945, s. 9. Sch. E read with Bom. 52 of 1947. s. 2, proviso.

2 These words were inserted by the Maharashtra Adaptation of Laws (State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1960.

3 Original Clause (23) was omitted by the Adaptation of Laws Order, 1950 and a new clause (23) was inserted by the Bombay Adaptation of Laws (State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1956, as amended by the Bombay Adaptation of Laws (State and Concurrent Subjects) (Second Amendment) Order, 1957.

4 These words stand unmodified, *see* the Maharashtra Adaptation of Laws (State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1960.

5 These words were inserted, *ibid.*

6 Central Acts.

7 Clause (25A) was omitted by the Maharashtra Adaptation of Laws (State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1960.

8 This clause was inserted, *ibid.*

* *See* now "Brihan Mumbai" (Mah. 25 of 1996, S. 3.)

	(30) "month" shall mean a month reckoned according to the British calendar ;	"Month."
	(31) "moveable property" shall mean property of every description, except immoveable property ;	"Moveable property."
	(32) "Oath" shall include affirmation and declaration in the case of persons by law allowed to affirm or declare instead of swearing ;	"Oath."
	(33) "offence" shall mean any act or omission made punishable by any law for the time being in force ;	"Offence."
	(34) "part" shall mean a part of the Act in which the word occurs ;	"Part."
	(35) "person" shall include any company or association or body of individuals, whether incorporated or not ;	"Person."
	¹ [(35A) "pre-Reorganisation" ² [State of Bombay] shall mean—	
	(a) as respects any period before the commencement of the Constitution, the area comprised in the Province of Bombay ;	
XXXVII of 1956.	(b) as respects any period after the commencement of the Constitution, the territories of the State of Bombay as specified in the First Schedule to the Constitution before the commencement of the States Reorganisation Act, 1956;]	
XLV of 1860.	(36) "public nuisance" shall mean a public nuisance as defined in the Indian Penal Code ;	"Public nuisance."
	³ [(37) "registered" used with reference to a document, shall mean registered in a Part A State or a Part C State under the law for the time being in force for the registration of documents;]	"Registered."
	⁴ (38) * * * * *	
	(39) "rule" shall mean a rule made in exercise of a power conferred by any enactment, and shall include a regulation made as a rule under any enactment ;	"Rule."
	⁵ (39A) * * * * *	
	(40) "schedule" shall mean a schedule to the Act in which the word occurs ;	"Schedule."
XII of 1874.	(41) "Scheduled District" shall mean a "Scheduled District" as defined in the ⁷ Scheduled Districts Act 1874 ;	"Scheduled District."

¹ This clause was inserted by the Bombay Adaptation of Laws (State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1956.

² These words stand unmodified *vide* the Maharashtra Adaptation of Laws (State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1960.

³ Clause (37) was substituted for the original by the Adaptation of Laws Order, 1950.

⁴ Clause (38) was deleted by Bom. 5 of 1948, s. 2.

⁵ Clause (39A) was omitted by the Maharashtra Adaptation of Laws (State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1960.

⁶ That is the villages belonging to the following mehwassee Chiefs :-

- (1) The Parvi of Kathi.
- (2) The Parvi of Nal.
- (3) The Parvi of Singpur.
- (4) The Walvi of Gaohalli.
- (5) The Wassawa of Chikhli.
- (6) The Parvi of Nawalpur.

⁷ The Scheduled Districts Act ceases to have effect under the Adaptation of Indian Laws Order in Council.

"Section."	(42) "section" shall mean a section of the Act in which the word occurs ;	
"Ship."	(43) "ship" shall include every description of vessel used in navigation not exclusively propelled by oars ;	
"Sign."	(44) "sign" with its grammatical variations and cognate expressions, shall with reference to a person who is unable to write his name, include "mark" with its grammatical variations and cognate expressions ;	
"Son."	(45) "son", in the case of any one whose personal law permits adoption, shall include an adopted son ;	
"Sub-Section."	(46) "sub-section" shall mean a sub-section of the Section in which the word occurs ; ¹ [(46A) " ² [State of Bombay]" shall mean— (a) as respects any period before the 1st day of November 1956 the pre-Reorganisation State of Bombay ; (b) as respects any period on and after that day the territories comprised in the new State of Bombay under section 8 of the States Reorganisation Act, 1956;] ³ [(46AA) "State of Maharashtra" shall mean the territories which on the 1st day of May 1960 are known as the State of Maharashtra under section 3 of the Bombay Reorganisation Act, 1960;] ⁴ [(46B) "transferred territories" shall mean the territories transferred from the pre-Reorganisation ⁵ [State of Bombay] to the new States of Mysore and Rajasthan under section 7 and 10 of the States Reorganisation Act, 1956;]	XXXVII of 1956. XI of 1960. XXXVII of 1956.
"Swear."	(47) "swear", with its grammatical variations and cognate expressions, shall include affirming and declaring in the case of persons by law allowed to affirm or declare instead of swearing ;	
"Vessel."	(48) "vessel" shall include any ship or boat or any other description of vessel used in navigation ; ⁴ [(48A) "Vidarbha region, or Madhya Pradesh area, or Vidarbha area, of the ² [State of Bombay]" shall mean the territories transferred to the new State of Bombay under clause (c) of sub-section (1) of section 8 of the States Reorganisation Act, 1956 ⁵ [and after the 1st day of May 1960]the said territories which form part of the State of Maharashtra shall be known as the Vidarbha region, or Madhya Pradesh area, or Vidarbha area, of the State of Maharashtra];	XXXVII of 1956.

1 This clause was inserted by the Bombay Adaptation of Laws (State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1956.

2 These words stand unmodified *vide* the Maharashtra Adaptation of Laws (State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1960.

3 This clause was inserted, *ibid*.

4 This clause was inserted by the Bombay Adaptation of Laws (State and Concurrent Subjects) (Second Amendment) Order, 1956 as amended by the Bombay Adaptation of Laws (State and Concurrent Subjects) (Second Amendment) Order, 1957.

5 These words were inserted by the Maharashtra A daptation of Laws (State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1960.

(49) "Will" shall include a codicil and every writing making a voluntary posthumous disposition of property ;

"Will."

(50) expressions referring to "writing" shall be construed as including references to printing, lithography, photography and other modes of representing or reproducing words or figures in a visible form on any substance ; and

"Writing."

(51) "year" shall mean a year reckoned according to the British calendar.

"Year."

4. The definitions in section 3 of the following words—that is to say, "abet", "affidavit", ¹* ²[Bombay area of the State of Maharashtra] "Chapter" "City of Bombay", "Collector", "Commissioner", "good faith", ³["Greater Bombay", ¹* * *], ⁴[Hyderabad area of the ⁵[State of Bombay]], ⁶* * * * "immoveable property", "Magistrate", "month" "moveable property", "oath", "part", "person", ⁷[pre-reorganisation ⁵[State of Bombay]], ⁶[* * * *], ¹* * * "Schedule", "section ⁵[State of Bombay]], ²[State of Maharashtra], "swear", ⁷[transferred territories], "vessel", ⁴[Vidarbha region, or Madhya Pradesh area, or Vidarbha area, of the ⁵[State of Bombay]], "writing", and "year" apply also, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context, to all Bombay Acts made before the commencement of this Act.

Application of certain of the foregoing definitions to previous Bombay Acts.

General Rules of Construction

5. ⁸[(1) Where any Bombay Act ²[or Maharashtra Act] is not expressed to come into operation on a particular day, then,

Coming into operation of Bombay Acts ²[or Maharashtra Acts.].

(i) in the case of a Bombay Act made before the commencement of the Constitution, it shall come into operation, if it is an Act of the Legislature, on the day on which the assent thereto of the Governor, the Governor-General or His Majesty, as the case may require, is first published in the *Official Gazette* and, if it is an Act of the Governor, on the day on which it is first published as an Act in the *Official Gazette* ;

(ii) in the case of a Bombay Act ²[or Maharashtra Act] made after the commencement of the Constitution, it shall come into operation on the day on which the assent thereto of the Governor or the President, as the case may require, is first published in the *Official Gazette*.]

(2) Unless the contrary is expressed, a Bombay Act ²[or Maharashtra Act] be construed as coming into operation immediately on the expiration of the day preceding its commencement.

1 The words "British India", "Government of India" and "Presidency of Bombay" were omitted by the Adaptation of Indian Laws Order in Council.

2 These words were inserted by the Maharashtra Adaptation of Laws (State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1960.

3 These words were inserted by Bom. 17 of 1945 read with Bom. 52 of 1947, S. 2. proviso.

4 These words were inserted by the Bombay Adaptation of Laws (State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1956 as amended by the Bombay Adaptation of Laws (State and Concurrent Subjects) (Second Amendment) Order, 1957.

5 These words stand unmodified *vide* the Maharashtra Adaptation of Laws (State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1960.

6 The words "Kutch area of the State of Bombay", and "Saurashtra area of the State of Bombay" were omitted by the Maharashtra Adaptation of Laws (State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1960.

7 These words were inserted by the Bombay Adaptation of Laws (State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1956.

8 This sub-section was substituted for the original sub-section by the Adaptation of Laws Order, 1950.

6. In this Act, and in every Bombay Act ¹[or Maharashtra Act], made after the commencement of this Act, the date of such publication as is mentioned in section 5, subsection (1), shall be printed above the title of the Act, and shall form part of the Act.

Printing of date on which Act is published after having received the assent of the Governor, Governor-General, or His Majesty as the case may require.

7. Where this Act, or any Bombay Act ¹[or Maharashtra Act], made after the commencement of this Act, repeals any enactment thereto made or hereafter to be made, then, unless a different intention appears, the repeal shall not—

Effect of repeal.

(a) revive anything not in force or existing at the time at which the repeal takes effect; or

(b) affect the previous operation of any enactment so repealed or anything duly done or suffered thereunder ; or

(c) affect any right, privilege, obligation or liability acquired, accrued or incurred under any enactment so repealed ; or

(d) affect any penalty, forfeiture or punishment incurred in respect of any offence committed against any enactment so repealed; or

(e) affect any investigation, legal proceeding or remedy in respect of any such right, privilege, obligation, liability, penalty, forfeiture or punishment as aforesaid, and such investigation, legal proceedings or remedy may be instituted, continued or enforced, and any such penalty, forfeiture or punishment may be imposed, as if the repealing Act had not been passed.

²[7A. Where any Bombay Act ¹[or Maharashtra Act] made after the commencement of this Act repeals any enactment by which the text of any previous enactment was amended by the express omission, insertion, or substitution of any matter, then, unless, a different intention appears, the repeal shall not affect the continuance of any such amendment made by the enactment so repealed and in operation at the time of such repeal].

Repeal of enactment making textual amendment in any Act.

8. (1) In any Bombay Act ¹[or Maharashtra Act] made after the commencement of this Act it shall be necessary, for the purpose of reviving, either wholly or partially, any enactment wholly or partially repealed, expressly to state that purpose.

Revival of repealed enactments.

(2) This section applies also to all Bombay Acts made before the commencement of this Act.

9. Where this Act, or any Bombay Act ¹[or Maharashtra Act] made after the commencement of this Act, repeals and re-enacts, with or without modification, any provision of a former enactment, then reference in any other enactment or in any instrument to the provision so repealed shall, unless a different intention appears, be construed as reference to the provision so re-enacted.

Construction of references to repealed enactments.

¹ These words were inserted by the Maharashtra Adaptation of Laws (State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1960.

² This section was inserted by Bom. 5 of 1948, s. 3.

Commence-
ment and
termination
of time.

10. (1) In any Bombay Act ¹[or Maharashtra Act] made after the commencement of this Act it shall be sufficient, for the purpose of excluding the first in a series of days or any other period of time, to use the word "from" and, for the purpose, of including the last in a series of days or any other period of time, to use the word "to".

(2) This section applies also to all Bombay Acts made before the commencement of this Act.

Computation
of time.

11. Where, by any Bombay Act ¹[or Maharashtra Act] made after the commencement of this Act, any act or proceeding is directed or allowed to be done or taken in any Court or office on a certain day or within a prescribed period, then, if the Court or office is closed on that day or the last day of the prescribed period, the act or proceeding shall be considered as done or taken in due time if it is done or taken on the next day afterwards on which the Court or office is open :

Provided that nothing in this section shall apply to any act or proceeding to which the ²Indian Limitation Act, 1877, applies,

Measure-
ment of
distance.

12. In the measurement of any distance for the purpose of any Bombay Act ¹[or Maharashtra Act] made after the commencement of this Act, that distance shall, unless a different intention appears, be measured in a straight line on a horizontal plane.

Gender and
number.

13. In all Bombay Act ¹[or Maharashtra Act], unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context—

(a) words importing the masculine gender shall be taken to include females; and

(b) words in the singular shall include the plural, and *vice-versa*.

Powers and Functionaries

Power
conferred on
any
Government
to be
exercisable
from time to
time.

14. Where, by any Bombay Act ¹[or Maharashtra Act] made after the commencement of this Act any power is conferred on ³[any Government], then that power may be exercised from time to time as occasion requires.

Power to
appoint to
include
power to
appoint *ex-
officio*.

15. Where, by any Bombay Act ¹[or Maharashtra Act] a power to appoint any person to fill any office or execute any function is conferred, then, unless it is otherwise, expressly provided, any such appointment, if it is made after the commencement of this Act, may be made either by name or by virtue of office.

Power to
appoint to
include
power to
suspend or
dismiss.

16. Where, by any Bombay Act ¹[or Maharashtra Act] a power to make any appointment is conferred, then, unless a different intention appears the authority having power to make the appointment shall also have power to suspend or dismiss any person appointed by it in exercise of that power.

Substitution
of function-
aries.

17. (1) In any Bombay Act ¹[or Maharashtra Act] made after the commencement of this Act it shall be sufficient for the purpose of indicating the application of a law to every person or number of persons for the time being executing the functions of an office,

¹ These words were inserted by the Maharashtra Adaptation of Laws (State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1960.

² See. now the Limitation Act, 1963 (36 of 1963)

³ The words "any Government" were substituted for the words "the Government" by the Adaptation of Indian Laws Order in Council.

to mention the official title of the officer at present executing the functions, or that of the officer by whom the functions are commonly executed.

(2) This section applies also to all Bombay Acts made before the commencement of this Act.

18. (1) In any Bombay Act ¹[or Maharashtra Act] made after the commencement of this Act it shall be sufficient, for the purpose of indicating the relation of a law to the successors of any functionaries or of corporations having perpetual succession, to express its relation to the functionaries or corporations.

Successors.

(2) This section applies also to all Bombay Acts made before the commencement of this Act.

19. (1) In any Bombay Act ¹[or Maharashtra Act] made after the commencement of this Act it shall be sufficient for the purpose of expressing that a law relative to the chief or superior of an office shall apply to the deputies or subordinates lawfully performing the duties of that office in the place of their superior, to prescribe the duty of the superior.

Official chiefs and subordinates.

(2) This section applies also to all Bombay Acts made before the commencement of this Act.

Provisions as to Orders, Rules, etc., made under Enactments

20. Where, by any Bombay Act ¹[or Maharashtra Act], a power to issue any notification, order, scheme, rule, by-law or form is conferred, then expression used in the notification, order, scheme, rule, by-law or form, if it is made after the commencement of this Act, shall, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context, have the same respective meanings as in the Act conferring the power.

Construction of orders etc., issued under Bombay Acts ¹[or Maharashtra Acts].

21. Where, by any Bombay Act ¹[or Maharashtra Act], a power to issue notifications, orders, rules or by-laws is conferred, then that power includes a power, exercisable in the like manner and subject to the like sanction and conditions (if any), to add to, amend, vary or rescind any notifications, orders, rules or by-laws, so issued.

Power to make to include power to add to, amend, vary or rescind, orders, etc.

22. Where, by any Bombay Act ¹[or Maharashtra Act], which is not to come into operation on ²[the passing thereof], a power is conferred to make rules or by-laws, or to issue orders with respect to the application of the Act, or with respect to the establishment of any Court or office, or the appointment of any Judge or officer, thereunder, or with respect to the person by whom, or the time when or the place where, or the manner in which, or the fees for which anything is to be done under the Act, then that power may be exercised at anytime after ²[the passing thereof], but rules, by-laws or orders so made or issued shall not take effect till the commencement of the Act.

Making of rules or by-laws and issuing of orders between publication and commencement of Bombay Act ¹[or Maharashtra Act.]

¹ These words were inserted by the Maharashtra Adaptation of Laws (State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1960.

² The words "the passing thereof" were substituted for the words "the day on which it is first published in the *Bombay Government Gazette* after having received the assent of the Governor-General and "the Act has been published as aforesaid", respectively, by the Adaptation of Indian Laws Order in Council.

Publication of orders and notifications in the *Official Gazette* to be deemed to be due publication.

23. Where, in any Bombay Act ¹[or Maharashtra Act], or in any rule passed under any such Act, it is directed that any order, notification or other matter shall be notified or published, then such notification or publication shall, unless the enactment or rule otherwise provides, be deemed to be duly made if it is published in the ²[*Official Gazette*].

Provisions applicable to making of rules or by-laws after previous publication.

24. Where, by any Bombay Act ¹[or Maharashtra Act] a power to make rules or by-laws is expressed to be given subject to the condition of the rules or by-laws being made after previous publication, then the following provisions shall apply, namely;—

(a) the authority having power to make the rules or by-laws shall, before making them, publish a draft of the proposed rules or by-laws for the information of persons likely to be affected thereby ;

(b) the publication shall be made in such manner as that authority deems to be sufficient or, if the condition with respect to previous publication so requires, in such manner as the ³[Central Government, or as the case may be, the ⁴[State] Government] prescribes ;

(c) there shall be published with the draft a notice specifying a date on or after which the draft will be taken into consideration ;

(d) the authority having power to make the rules or by-laws, and, where the rules or by-laws are to be made with the sanction, approval or concurrence of another authority, that authority also, shall consider any objection or suggestion which may be received by the authority having power to make the rules or by-laws from any person with respect to the draft before the date so specified;

(e) the publication in the ⁵[*Official Gazette*] of a rule or by-law purporting to have been made in exercise of a power to make rules or by-laws after previous publication shall be conclusive proof that the rule or by-law has been duly made.

Continuation of orders, etc, issued under enactments repealed and re-enacted.

25. Where any enactment is, after the commencement of this Act, repealed and re-enacted by a Bombay Act ¹[or Maharashtra Act] with or without modification, then, unless it is otherwise expressly provided, any appointment, notification, order, scheme, rule, by-law or form made or issued under the repealed enactment shall, so far as it is not inconsistent with the provisions re-enacted, continue in force, and be deemed to have been made or issued under the provisions so re-enacted, unless and until it is superseded by any appointment, notification, order, scheme, rule, by-law or form made or issued under the provisions so re-enacted.

Miscellaneous

Recovery of fines.

26. Sections 63 to 70 of the ⁶Indian Penal Code, and the provisions of the Code of Criminal Procedure for the time being in force in relation to the issue and the execution of warrants for the levy of fines, shall apply to all fines imposed under any Bombay Act

¹ These words were inserted by the Maharashtra Adaptation of Laws (State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1960.

² The words "*Official Gazette*" were substituted for the words "*Bombay Government Gazette*", *ibid.*

³ The words "Central Government or as the case may be, the Provincial Government", were substituted for the word "Local Government", *ibid.*

⁴ This word was substituted for the word "Provincial" by the Adaptation of Laws Order, 1950.

⁵ The words "*Official Gazette*" were substituted for the words "*Bombay Government Gazette*" by the Adaptation of Indian Laws Order in Council.

⁶ Central Acts.

¹[or Maharashtra Act], or any rule or by-law made under any Bombay Act ¹[or Maharashtra Act], unless the Act, rule or by-law contains an express provision to the contrary.

27. Where an act or omission constitutes an offence under two or more enactments, then the offender shall be liable to be prosecuted and punished under either or any of those enactments, but shall not be liable to be punished twice for the same offence.

Provisions as to offences punishable under two or more enactments.

28. Where any Bombay Act ¹[or Maharashtra Act] made after the commencement of this Act authorizes or requires any document to be served by post whether the expression "serve" or either of the expressions "give" or "send" or any other expression is used, then, unless a different intention appears, the service shall be deemed to be effected by properly addressing, prepaying and posting by registered post, a letter containing the document and, unless the contrary is proved, to have been effected at the time at which the letter would be delivered in the ordinary course of post.

Meaning of service by post.

29. (1) In any Bombay Act ¹[or Maharashtra Act], and in any rule, by law, instrument or document made under, or with reference to, any Bombay Act ¹[or Maharashtra Act] any enactment may be cited by reference to the title or short title (if any) conferred thereon or by reference to the number and year thereof, and any provision in an enactment may be cited by reference to the section or sub-section of the enactment in which the provision is contained.

Citation of enactments.

(2) In this Act, and in any Bombay Act ¹[or Maharashtra Act] made after the commencement of this Act, a description or citation of a portion of another enactment shall, unless a different intention appears, be construed as including the word, section or other part mentioned or reference to as forming the beginning and as forming the end of the portion comprised in description or citation.

30. Where any Act, rule or by-law made after the commencement of this Act continues or amends any Acts, rules or by-laws made before the commencement of this Act, the foregoing sections of this Act shall not by reasons merely of such continuance or amendment affect the construction of such Acts, rules or by-laws.

Saving for previous Acts, rules and by-laws.

²[**31.** The provisions of this Act shall apply—

(a) in relation to any Ordinance promulgated by the ³[Governor of Bombay] under section 88 of the Government of India Act, 1935, as they apply in relation to Bombay Acts made under the said Act by the Governor and in relation to any Regulation made by the Governor under section 92 of the said Act as they apply in relation to Bombay Acts made by the Provincial Legislature, and

Application of Act to Ordinances and Regulations.

(b) in relation to any Ordinance promulgated by the Governor under article 213 of the Constitution or any Regulation made by the Governor under paragraph 5 of the Fifth Schedule to the Constitution, as they apply in relation to Bombay Acts ¹[or Maharashtra Acts] made by the State Legislature :

Provided that clause (ii) of sub-section (1) of section 5 of this Act shall apply to any Ordinance referred to in clause (b) as if for the reference in said clause (ii) to the day of the first publication of the assent to an Act in the *Official Gazette* there were substituted a reference to the day of the first publication of the Ordinance in that *Gazette*].

¹ These words were inserted by Maharashtra Adaptation of Laws (State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1960.

² Section 31 was substituted by the Adaptation of Laws Order, 1950.

³ These words stand unmodified *vide* the Maharashtra Adaptation of Laws (State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1960.

THE SCHEDULE
Enactments Repealed
(See Section 2)

Year (1)	No. (2)	Title or Subject (3)	Extent of repeal (4)
1886	.. II	The Bombay General Clauses Act, 1886	The whole ¹ [except so much of ² [Schedule B] as relates to unrepealed enactments].
1891	.. I	An Act to amend the Bombay General Clauses Act, 1886.	So much as is unrepealed.
1896	.. I	— do — do —	The whole.

APPENDIX

³SCHEDULE B to the Bombay General Clauses Act, 1886
(Bom. Act III of 1886)

**Verbal Amendments made in the Regulations and Acts of the
Governor of Bombay in Council**

ENACTMENT			Words repealed	Words, if any, substituted for the words repealed
No. and year (1)	Section (2)	Clause (3)		
Regulations- ⁴ XII of 1827.	19	1	"Magistrate" ..	"District Magistrate"
	19	6	"The Magistrate" (the first time the words occur)	District Magistrate"
	19	6	"the Magistrate" (the second time the words occur).	"any Magistrate".
	19	6	"ordinary" ..	"simple".
	19	6	"without labour" ..	..
	19	7	"Magistrate" (the first time the word occurs).	"District Magistrate".
	19	7	"Magistrate" (the second time the word occurs).	"Magistrate before whom proceedings against such individual are being held."
	19	8	"the Magistrate shall also"	"any Magistrate may".
	20	..	"Magistrate" ..	"District Magistrate".

¹ These words were inserted by section 2 of the Bombay Repealing and Amending Act, 1905 (Bom. 4 of 1905)

² Printed as an Appendix to this Act.

³ This schedule so far as it affects unrepealed enactments has been reproduced here as an Appendix as the insertion of certain words in the schedule to Bom. I of 1904 by Bom. 4 of 1905, has revived it as regards such enactments. Entries relating to sections which have been repealed or substituted after the passing of Bom. 4 of 1905, have also been omitted, a foot note explanation being given in each case.

⁴ Bom. Reg. XII of 1827 s. 19, cls. 1, 6, 7 and 8 are repealed by the Bombay District Police Act, 1890 (Bom. 4 of 1890) wherever that Act extends. The Regn. was repealed by Bom. 63 of 1959.

*SCHEDULE B to the Bombay General Clauses Act, 1886
(Bom. Act III of 1886)—contd.*

ENACTMENT		Clause	Words repealed	Words, if any, substituted for the words repealed
No. and year	Section				(4)	(5)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Regulations-				
contd.				
XII of 1827.	27	2	"Magistrate" (each time the word occurs).	"District Magistrate"
—contd.	27	2	"ordinary"	"simple."
	27	2	"without hard labour"	.....
	37	1	"Magistrate"	"District or Sub-Divisional Magistrate."
XII of 1827.	40	..	"Magistrate"	"District Magistrate"
	41	1	"local"	"District".
	42	1	"local"	"District".
	42	2,3,4	"Magistrate" (each time the word occurs).	"District Magistrate"
XXV of 1827..	4	2	"Magistrate" (both times the word occurs).	"District Magistrate"
	7	..	"Magistrate"	"District Magistrate".
Acts.				
² I of 1862	1	..	"Amendment to this Act"	.. .. .
IV of 1862	1	..	"the Magistrate" (the second time the words occur).	"a Magistrate of the first class".
	1	..	"calendar"	.. ..
	6	..	"Magistrate"	"District Magistrate".
	6	..	"this Act"	"section 4".
	6	..	"of Police"	..
	7	..	"of either kind"	..
	7	..	"calendar"	.. ..
	10	..	"Magistrate"	"District Magistrate".
	10	..	"of Police"	.. ..
V of 1862	3	..	"Calendar"	.. ..
VI of 1862	8 and 9	..	"Calendar" (each time the word occurs).	.. ..
	21	..	"The following words and expressions".	.. ..
	21	..	"shall have the meanings hereby assigned to them".	.. ..
	21	..	"(that is say)"	.. ..
I of 1863	6	..	"Justice of the Peace or person exercising the powers of a Magistrate within the province of Sind".	"of the first class".
	12	..	—do—	—do—
	11	..	"of this Act"	.. .. .

¹ See *supra*.

² Bom. I of 1862 has been repealed by Bom. 11 of 1928, section 3, Second Schedule.

*SCHEDULE B to the Bombay General Clauses Act, 1886
(Bom. Act III of 1886)—contd.*

ENACTMENT		Clause	Words repealed	Words, if any, substituted for the words repealed
No. and year	Section			
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
<i>Acts—contd.</i>				
II of 1863.	2	..	"of this Act" (the first.. time the words occur')	.. ..
	3,4,5,7, 8,10,11 and 13.	..	"of this Act" (each time the words occur).	.. ..
	4,5 and 11	..	"calendar" (each time the word occurs).	.. ..
	5 and 11	..	"collectorate or" (each.. time the words occur).	.. ..
	11	4	"collectorate" ..	"district".
	11	6	"collectorate" (each time the word occurs).	"district".
III of 1863	1 and 2	..	"to this Act" (each time the words occur).	.. ..
V of 1863	20	..	"of this Act"	.. ..
¹ * * *	* * *	* *	* * * *	* * *
VII of 1863	6	..	"of this Act" (the first time the words occur).	.. ..
	7,8,9,11,12 13 and 26.	..	"of this Act" (each time the words occur).	.. ..
	9	1 and 2	"collectorate or" (each time the words occur).	.. ..
		3,4,6 and 7.	"collectorate" (each time the word occurs).	"district"
	9	8	"calendar"	.. ..
	9	9	"Revenue"	.. ..
	9	9	"of the division"	.. ..
	12	..	"or Sub-Collector"	.. ..
	20	2	"annexed"	.. ..
VII of 1866	6	..	"of this Act"	.. ..
XII of 1866	15	..	"annexed to this Act"	.. ..
² * * *	* * *	* *	* * * * *	* * *
VI of 1867	5,9 and 10	..	"of this Act" (each time the words occur).	.. ..
³ VII of 1867	34	..	"of this Act" (each time the words occur). "full-power Magistrate"..	"Magistrate of the first class".

¹ The entry relating to Bom. 6 of 1863 is omitted as the Act has been repealed by Bom. 7 of 1920.

² The entry relating to Bom. 13 of 1866 is omitted as that Act ceases to have effect under the Adaptation of Indian Laws Order in Council.

³ During such time as Bom. 6 of 1933 and the rules and by-laws shall be in operation in any village, sections 33 and 34 of Bom. 7 of 1867 cease to have any operation in the said village, *See* section 115 of Bom. 6 of 1933.

*SCHEDULE B to the Bombay General Clauses Act, 1886
(Bom. Act III of 1886)—contd.*

ENACTMENT No. and year	Section	Clause	Words repealed	Words, if any, substituted for the words repealed (5)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
<i>Acts—contd.</i>				
VIII of 1867	¹ [1 3,4,5,15 and 18 5 18	.. .. .. ..	"Commissioner of Police" "of Police" (wherever in the said sections those words follow the word "Commissioner"). "Police" (in each place in which the word precedes the word "Commissioner"). "of this Act"	"Acts, 1867 and 1890".]
II of 1868	17	..	"Revenue or Police"	.. ..
2* *	* *	* *	* * * *	* * * *
1 of 1874	In the preamble 4 13 14 29	.. .. .. ..	"to this Act" The last three words "of this Act" (the first time the words occur). "of this Act" "calendar"	.. .. .. .. .. .. .. ..
II of 1874	15	..	"of this Act" (each time the words occur).	.. ..
³ II of 1874	3,4,6,7 10,11, 12,13, 21,31, 37,39, 55,67, 73,75, 76 and 83.	..	"of this Act" (each time the words occur).	.. ..
	6	1	"Revenue" (each time the word occurs).	.. ..
	20	..	"of this Act" (the first time the words occur).	.. ..
	40	1	The last three words	.. ..
	73	2	"thereof"	.. ..
	74	..	"revenue"	.. ..
	74	..	"appointed under ; Regulation V of 1830, or other law in force for the time being".	.. ..
	77	..	"empowered under the provisions of Bombay Act, I of 1868".	.. ..
	77	..	"so empowered"	.. ..
	84	..	"Revenue"	.. ..
III of 1875	7	..	"of either description"	.. ..
	7	..	"calendar"	.. ..

1 Inserted by the Bombay General Clauses Amendment Act, 1891 (Bom. I of 1891).

2 The entry relating to Bom. 3 of 1869 is omitted as that Act has been repealed by Bom. 6 of 1933.

3 The entries relating to ss. 44, 47, 50 and 59 of this Act are omitted as they have been repealed or substituted by Bom. 3 of 1910.

*SCHEDULE B to the Bombay General Clauses Act, 1886
(Bom. Act III of 1886)—contd.*

ENACTMENT		Clause	Words repealed	Words, if any, substituted for the words repealed
No. and year	Section				(5)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
II of 1876.	14,16,18 and 33.	..	"of this Act" (each time the words occur)	.. ..
	16	..	"here unto annexed" .. ..	.. ..
	31	..	"annexed to this Act"	.. ..
¹ * *	* *	* *	* * * *	* * *
I of 1877	3,9,16, 17 and 25	..	"of this Act" (each time the words occur).	.. ..
	9,10,11, 14,15, 17 and 18	..	"hereto annexed" (each time words occur).	.. ..
	12	(b)	"of this Act"	.. ..
	19	..	"of this Act" (the first time the words occur).	.. ..
	23	(b)	"of this Act"	.. ..
	20 and 24.	..	"of either description within the meaning of the Indian Penal Code" (in each place in which these words occur).	.. ..
	28	..	"The provisions of sections 64 to 70, both inclusive, of the Indian Penal Code shall apply to"	.. ..
	28	..	"and all such fines"	.. ..
² V of 1878	3	3	"means, in Sind, the ³ [Pro- vincial Government] and elsewhere a commissioner of land revenue, or, if Gov- ernment appoint any other officer to be a Commissioner for the purposes of this Act, such other officer.	"includes an officer appointed by Government to be a Commissioner for the purposes of this Act".
	3	4	"means a Collector of land revenue or"	"includes"
	45	..	"of this Act" (each time the words occur).	.. ..
IV of 1879	3	..	"The last three words"	.. ..
	9,10,11, 14,15, 17 and 18	..	"hereto annexed" (each time the words occur).	.. ..
	9,16, 17 and 25.	..	"of this Act" (each time the words occur).	.. ..

¹ The entry relating to Bom. 3 of 1876 is omitted as the Act has been repealed by Bom. 2 of 1906.

² The entry relating to section 50 of this Act is omitted as the section has been subsequently substituted by Bom. 12 of 1912.

³ The words "Provincial Government" were substituted for the words "Commissioner in Sind" by the Adaptation of Indian Laws Order in Council.

*SCHEDULE B to the Bombay General Clauses Act, 1886
(Bom. Act III of 1886)—contd.*

ENACTMENT		Clause	Words repealed	Words, if any, substituted for the words repealed	
No. and year	Section				
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	
IV of 1879 <i>Contd.</i>	12	(b)	"of this Act"	..	..
	19	..	"of this Act" (the first time the words occur).	..	..
	20 and 24.	..	"of either description within the meaning of the Indian Penal Code" (in each place in which the words occur).	..	..
V of 1879	23	(b)	"of this Act"	..	..
	3	2	"of this Act"	..	..
	10,13, 18,38, 86,87, 161 and 216	..	"of this Act" (each time the words occur).	..	..
	23	..	"to this Act"	..	..
¹ VI of 1879	21 and 34.	..	"of this Act"	..	..
¹ VII of 1879	3	5	"means the head revenue officer of a district and"	..	..
	57	..	"of this Act"	..	..
	61 and 62.	..	"of either description within the meaning of the said Code" (in each place in which these words occur).	..	..
¹ I of 1880	67	..	"of the division"	..	..
	3	7	"hereto annexed"	..	..
¹ I of 1883	33	(b)	"hereto annexed"	..	..
	3,5 and 8	..	"of this Act" (each time the words occur).	..	..
¹ II of 1883	3	..	"annexed to this Act"	..	..
	In the preamble.	..	"to this Act"	..	..
	4	..	"to this Act"	..	..
	17	..	"to this Act" (the first time the words occur).	..	..
2 * *	* *	* *	* * * *	* *	* *

1 The entry relating to sections 2, 214 and 215 of this Act are omitted as these sections have been repealed or substituted by Bom. 4 of 1913.

2 The entry relating to Bom. 1 of 1884 is omitted as that Act has been repealed by Bom. 6 of 1933.

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