

such other officer may cause him to be apprehended, and may send him with a warrant, in the form of Schedule A, to be confined in a civil jail till he discharges the sums or delivers up the papers or property demanded from him :

Provided that, no person shall be detained in confinement by virtue of any such warrant for a longer period than one calendar month.

Public
moneys may
also be
recovered
as arrears
of revenue ;
and search
warrant may
be issued
for recovery
of papers or
property.

18. (1) The Collector of his own motion if the officer or other person is or was serving in his department and district, and upon the application of the Superintendent of Land Records if such officer or person is or was serving in the survey department in his district, may also take proceedings to recover any public moneys due by him in the same manner and subject to the same rules as are laid down in this Code for the recovery of arrears of land revenue from defaulters and for the purposes of recovering public papers or other property of the Government may issue a search warrant and exercise all such powers with respect thereto as may be lawfully exercised by a Magistrate under the provisions of Chapter VII of the *Code of Criminal procedure, 1898.

(2) It shall be the duty of all persons in possession of such public moneys, papers or other property of the Government to make over the same forthwith to the Collector, and every person knowing where any such property is concealed shall be bound to give information of the same to the Collector.

Officer or
person in jail
may secure
his release
by furnishing
security.

19. If an officer or other person referred to in section 17 against whom a demand is made shall give sufficient security in the form in Schedule B, the Collector shall cause such officer or person if in custody to be liberated and countermand the sale of any property that may have been attached and restore it to the owner.

CHAPTER III.

OF LANDS.

Title of State
in all lands,
public roads,
etc., which
are not
property of
others.

20. (1) All public roads, lanes and paths, the bridges, ditches, dikes and fences on, or beside, the same, the bed of the sea and of harbours and creeks below the high water mark, and of rivers, streams, nallas, lakes and tanks and all canals and watercourses, and all standing and flowing water, and all lands wherever situated, which are not the property of persons legally capable of holding property, and except in so far as any rights of such persons may be established, in or over the same, and except as may be otherwise provided in any law for the time being in force, are and are hereby declared to be, with all rights in or over the same, or appertaining thereto, the property of the State Government and it shall be lawful for the Collector, subject to the order of the Commissioner, to dispose of them in such manner as may be prescribed by the State Government in this behalf, subject always to the rights of way, and all other rights of the public or of individuals legally subsisting.

* See now the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (2 of 1974).