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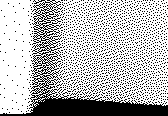
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solution, or otherwise, as aforesaid, after they have been produced in evidenc,e, or when ithey have been seized and are not required to be produced in evidence, shall be f-<irfeited and applied as the Court directs.

1. Whoever, without lawful authority or excuse (the proof whereof ,shall lie on him), has in his custody or possession any grreater number of pieces than five pieces of :false or count,erf eit coin resembling, or apparently intended to resemble or pass for, any gold ·Or .silver ooin -0f any .foreign prince, state, or country, or any kind -of coin not being the Queen's curr,ent coin, but resembling, or apparently intended to resemble or pass f or, any .copper coin, or any other coin made of any metal or mi,ced metals, of less value than the silver coin -of any foreign prince, tBtate, or country, shall, on being convicted thereof, forf eit all such false and counterfeit e-0in (which shall be cut in pieces or otherwise destroyed by order of any District Commissioner), and shall, for every such off ence, be

. liable to a fine of two pounds for every ,such ,piece of false Ollld counterfeit coin which is found in his cusitody or possession.

PART VI.-OFFENCES AGAINST PUBLIO ORDER, HEALTH, AND MORALITY.

TITLE XIII.-Punuc NuISANCES.

*Drumming and. Firing Guns·, ':)"c.*

1. (1) Every occupier of any house, building, yard or other place situate in any town, whD, without a licence in writing from the Govem10r or a District Commissioner, permits- any persons to assemble ancl beat or play or dance therein to any drum, gong, tom-tom, or other similar instrument of music, shall be liable t-0 a fine of two pounds.
2. It shall be lawful for any constable to enter any such house, building, yard, or other place where any persons may he so assembled, and to warn them to depart and *ta* seize and carry away all such drums, gongs, tom-toms, or other instruments, and the same shall be forfeited.
3. Whoever, af ter being •o warned, shall not depart forthwith (except the persons actually dwelling in, such house or building), may be apprehended, without warrant, by any constable or person acting in his aid, and ,shall be liable to a fine, of ten shillings.
4. Whoever during the sitting of a Court, and after being warned by a constable or officer of the Court to desist, beats or plays any drum, gong, tom-tom or other instrument, or makes any

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Having possession of more than

:five pieces of

countel'Ieit

:foreign coin, &c.

Allowing hom:m1 &c., in town to be used for

drumming. *( See s,* 139 (10).)

Drumming, &c., mmr Court during sitting.

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**Drumming with intent to challenge or insult.**

**Discharging guns, &c., in town.**

loud noise ll}f any kind within a radius of three hundred yards from the place where such sitting is held, shall be liable to a fine of two pounds.

1. Whoever beats a drum with intent to challenge or provoke any other person to commit a breach of the peace, or with intent to insult or annoy any other person, shall be liable to a fine of twenty-five pounds or to imprisonment for three months.
2. Whoever in any town without lawful and necessary

**occasion :-**

* 1. Discharges any firearm., or throws or sets fire *rto* any fire­ work in any public place, or in any house, building, or **yard ; or**
  2. Being the occupier of any, house, building, or yard, knowingly permits any firearm to b discharged therein,

shall be liable to a fine of ·ten pounds.

### Stray Cattle, M ad Dogs, 4'c.

Stray cattle. **124.\*** (1) If in any town, any cattle are found ait large in any public place without any person in charge thereof, any peace officer or health officer or inspector or aissistant-inspector of nuisances may seize and impound such cattle in any com mon pound, and may detain the same therein until the owner thereof pays to the 'l'reasury a fine not exceeding two shilling,s for each head of cattle, other than' swine, and a fine of not less than five shillings, nor exceeding ten shillings for each head of swine, besides the expenses of keeping the same at *mtes* not exceeding sixpence a day for each head of ,swine, sheep or goats, and ,one shilfing a day for each head of other cattle.

* + 1. If the said fine and expenses are not paid within four days after such impounding, the pound keeper, or other person appointed by the health officer for the purpose, may ,sell any such cattle;

but previous to such sale, six days' notice thereof shall be given or lef t at the dwelling-house of the owner if he is known, or, if not then the notice shaU be conspicuously posted in some usual place for the posting of public notices in the

town where Ihe cattle were seized ; and the proceeds of the sale, after deducting the fine and expenses, shall be paid to the Treasurer, and be by him paid on demand to the owner of the cattle.

* + 1. Instead of impounding the cattle so found alt large, any constable or health officer or inspector or assistant inapector of uuisancea may summon the owner before the District Commis­ **sioner, who may impose on the owner a fine of not more than two** shillings for each animal so found.

\* **But when a town council is established, see sect. 38 of Chapter 66.**

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Title

Person drunk whilst in charge of vehicle, &c,

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hann,

*(StJe s.* 860.)

Ca'lsing public terror.

(8",. 2!0,)

'l.'hrowl:ng rubbish in street.

(2) Every constable is hereby authorised and required, on the demand of such owner, manager, occupier, agent, or servant, to assist in expelling any such drunken, riotous, quarrelsome, or

,lisorderly person from any auch aliop, house, premises, or place.



1. Any person who fa dnrnk whilst driving, riding, or in chal'ge of, any v<>hicle or beast of bunlen on any public way or in any public plaoo shall be liable to imprisonment l'or any term not exceeding three months or to a fine o:f twenty-five pounds or to both. *(11dded by* 13 *of* 1919, *s.* 9.)
2. If tw;, or more P"raons together in any public plMe openly carry, without lawful cause, any deadly or dangerous instruments, with intent to cause terror to any of the public, each of them shall be liable to a fine of one pound or to impriilonm,mt for one month.
3. Whoever threaltens any other person with unlawful harm, with intent to put that person in rear of unlawf ul harm , shall be liable t-0 a fine of one pound or to imprisonment for one month.

138. (1) Whoever, in any public place, or being unlawf ully in nny place not public, wantonly does any act with int.nt to cau.ee terror to any person, shall, i£ harm is thereby caused to any person, OT if his Mt was of such a character as to be lilrely to canoe harm to any person hy terror, be liable to a fine of twenty-five pounds or to imprisonment for three month .

1. For the purpoSll.5 of this section, harm shall in this case be doomed to have ·been caused by tbe act, altliougb the harm be the mere inward effect of the terror caused by the act.

*lllmtra.tions.*

* 1. A. goes .about the.stroots, or in a eemetery at night, dressed up in a whits sheet in order to pass for a ghost. If any person is thereby seriously frigbwned and mada ill or insane, A. is guilty of an offence against this ,ection.
  2. A. lets off a !irework i.n a crowd. Although hi> may not hav,, actually purposed t.o ca.use harm t.o any person, yet) if any person ia injured by fright or by the movement of the c-rowd in conesquence of the axploofon , A. is guilty of an offence against, this section.
  3. A. wilf ully raises a false alarm of fire in a theatre, and a panic

ensues in which a person is injured . *A.* is guilt,y of an off ence against

this s-0ction.

### Nuisances and Obstruct,'.ons in Street, and the like.

1. Whoever does any of the following: acts shall be liable to

a fine of forty shillings, namely :-

* 1. In any rown places, or causes or permits to be placed, any

carrion, filth, dirt, refii.se or rnbbjah, or any offensivt>

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**or unwholesome matter, on any .street, yard, enclosure, or** open space, except at such places as may be set apart by the District Commissioner or the health officer for that

**purpose ; or**

* 1. **In any town commits a nuisance in any public place or** open space, or in any place being an appurtenance of or adjoining a dwelling-house; or
  2. Wilf ully defaces any public lawful notice, or removes the same from any place where it is lawfully affixed ; or
  3. Without the consent of the owner or occupier thereof affixes or attempts 'to affix any placard, paper, or thing on any building, wall, fence, pillar, or post, or writes upon, soila, or marks any such building, wall, fence, pillar,

**or post ; or**

* 1. Without due authority affixes or attempts to affix any **placard, paper, or thing on, or writes· upon, aoµs, or marks** any post office or post office letter box ; or
  2. Unlawfully releases any cattle lawfully impounded, or pulls down, damages, or ,destroys the pound wher,,in any cattle are lawfully impounded ; or

**Book II.­ Part VI. Title**

**Nuisances.**

**xm.**

**Defacing public notice,**

**Defacing building, &c.**

**Defacing post office or letter box.**

**Pound**

**breach.**

7) In any public place is drunk and behlaves violently or Being drunk

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**indecently ; or ordedy.**

1. In any public place, or in any place within sight or :i,'ightig, &c.,

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the peace by fighting or quarr,,lling with any other person ; or abets an unlawful fight ; or uses or .applies to any other person then being in such public place or within sight or hearing thereof , any violent or abnsive term of reproach ; **or sings any profane, indecent, or obs,cene song ; or exposes** any defamatory or insulting .writing or object ; or with the intention of annoying or irritating any other person, sings any scurrilous or abusive oong or words, whether any person he particularly addressed therein or not ; or is guilty of any riotous, indecent, disorderly, or insulting behaviour, to the obstruction or annoyance of any passen- ger or person in such public place ; or

1. In any town wilfully. or wantonly, and after being warned Shouting, &c., to desist, shouts or blows any horn or shell, or sounds or in town. plays upon any musical instrument, or . sings or makes

any other loud or unseemly noise, t,o the annoyance or disturbance of any person ; or

1. In any town, without a licence in GovernQr or a District Commissioner,

writing. from the beats or plays any

**Drmhming &c., in town at night.**

*( Sen* 120.)

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Throwing

stones, &c.

Behaving Yiolently in priBon, &c.

*( See s.* 373.)

Behaving irreverently in place of worship.

Disturbing public worship.

Disturbing

fnn,eral,

Extinguish­ ing or damaging street lamp. Obstructing working of telegraph.

*( 8ee s.* 63).

Furious riding or driving.

Failure OO give warning of approach of vehicle.

Driving, &c., without light after dark.

Leaving carriage unattended in llublic way.

drum, gong, tom-tom, or other similar instrument of music between eight o'clock at nigh t and six in the morning ; or

1. In any town throws or discharges any stone or other missile in or into any public place ; or
2. Behaves violently or indecently in any prison or Court or public place ; or
3. Behaves irreverently or indecently in any church, chapel, mosque, or other pla,ce appropriated for religion,, worship ; or
4. Disturbs or molests any minister of religion while celebrating any religious rite or office in any public place, or any person assisting or attending at 'the celebration of such rite or office ; ·Or
5. Behaves irreverently or indecently or insultingly at or near any funeral or in or near any public burial ground during the burial of a body ; or
6. Wantonly extinguishes the light *of ,* or destroys or damages, any street lamp ; or
7. Wilf ully obstructs or impedes or delays any person employed in the working of a telegraph, or in the delivery of a telegram, in the execution 0£ his duty ; or
8. In any public pbce rides or drives furiously any horse or

,other animal, or drives or propels :furiously any ve·hicle, or drives furiously any cattle ; or ·

1. In any public place or public way' rides or propels any bicycle, tricycle, ,or other like machine, and, upon over­ taking any vehicle, or any horoo or other beast of burden, or any peron on foot, :fails within a reasonable distance from and before passing or reaching! such vehicle, horse or other beast of burden, or person on foot, tc, give by bell, whistle, horn, or other like instrument audible and sufficient warning of the approach of such bicycle, tricycle, or other like machine so ridden or propelled as aforesaid *(added by* 13 *of* 1919, *s.* 19) ; or
2. In any public way drives or propels any vehicle after dark without a lighted lamp sufficient to warn persons in such public way ; or
3. In any town leaves any carriage with a horse attached to, it standing in any public way without smneone to hold the horse ; or ·