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SIGNED this *14th* day of *July, 1981.*

SIAKA STEVENS,
President.

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The Summary Conviction Offences (Amendment) Act, 1981

Short title.

Being an Act to amend the Summary Conviction Offences Act so as to increase the maximum punishment which can be inflicted by the Magistrates' Courts as a result of the extension of the jurisdiction of such Courts; and for matters connected therewith

[*16th July, 1981*] Date of commencement.

BE IT ENACTED by the President and Members of Parliament in this present Parliament assembled, as follows:—

1. Section 4 of the Summary Conviction Offences Act (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act) is hereby amended by the deletion of the words "ten pounds" appearing in the Amendment of Section 4 of Cap. 37.

fourth line thereof and the substitution therefor of the words "one hundred leones"

Repeal of Section 5 of Cap. 37.

2. Section 5 of the principal Act is hereby repealed.

Amendment of Section 8 of Cap. 37.

3. Section 8 of the principal Act is hereby amended by the deletion of the words "three hundred leones" appearing in the fourth and fifth lines thereof and the substitution therefor of the words "two thousand leones".

Amendment of Section 12 of Cap. 37.

4. Section 12 of the principal Act is hereby amended by the deletion of the words "three hundred leones" appearing in the ninth and tenth lines thereof and the substitution therefor of the words "one thousand leones", and by the deletion of the words "one year" appearing in the eleventh and twelfth lines thereof and the substitution therefor of the words "five years".

Amendment of Section 13 of Cap. 37.

5. Subsections (1) and (2) of Section 13 of the principal Act are hereby amended:—

(*a*) by the deletion of the words "three hundred leones" appearing in the seventh line of subsection (1) and in the nineteenth line of subsection (2) thereof and the substitution therefor of the words "two thousand leones" in each case; and

(*b*) by the deletion of the words "one year" appearing in the eighth line of subsection (1) and in the twentieth line of subsection (2) thereof and the substitution therefor of the words "five years" in each case.

Repeal and replacement of Section 14 of Cap. 37.

6. Section 14 of the principal Act is hereby repealed and replaced by the following new Section:—

"14. Any person who receives money or property or part thereof knowing the same to have been stolen or fraudulently obtained shall if the money or property or part thereof so received does not exceed in value the sum of one thousand leones, be liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a period not exceeding five years although the person who shall have stolen or fraudulently obtained such money or property may not have been prosecuted or convicted."

Repeal and replacement of Section 18 of Cap 37.

7. Section 18 of the principal Act is hereby repealed and replaced by the following new section:—

"18. The Magistrate shall:—
if having regard to the circumstances of the case as outlined by the prosecutor before any evidence is taken, consider it expedient so to do, try summarily any person charged with unlawful and malicious wounding or inflicting bodily harm, not amounting to a felony, which in his opinion may be adequately punished by a sentence of imprisonment not exceeding five years or a fine not exceedind two thousand leones."

8. Section 26 of the principal Act is hereby amended by the deletion of the words "twenty pounds" appearing in the last but one line thereof and the substitution therefor of the words "three hundred leones". Amendment of Section 26 of Cap. 37.

9. Section 28 of the principal Act is hereby amended by the deletion of the words "ten pounds" appearing in the last but one line thereof and the substitution therefor of the words "one hundred leones". Amendment of Section 28 of Cap. 37.

10. Section 33 of the principal Act is hereby amended:— Amendment of Section 33 of Cap. 37.

(*a*) by the deletion of the words "twenty shillings" appearing in the fourth line thereof and the substitution therefor of the words "three hundred leones"; and

(*b*) by the deletion of the words "three months" appearing in the last line of the proviso thereof and the substitution therefor of the words "six months".

Passed in Parliament this *15th* day of *April*, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-one.

J. W. E. DAVIES,
Clerk of Parliament.

THIS PRINTED IMPRESSION has been carefully compared by me with the Bill which has passed Parliament and found by me to be a true and correctly printed copy of the said Bill.

J. W. E. DAVIES,
Clerk of Parliament.