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Sierra Leone

**The Statutory Nuisances (Summary Punishment)
Decree, 1968** Short title.

[28th March, 1968.] Date of
Commence-
ment.

PURSUANT to the Proclamation entitled "Administration of Sierra Leone (National Reformation Council) Proclamation, 1967", published in the *Gazette* on the 25th of March, 1967, the National Reformation Council hereby makes and issues the following Decree:—

1. In this Decree—

“premises” includes—

- (a) messuages, buildings, lands, easements and hereditaments on any tenure whether built or not, whether public or private and whether maintained or not under statutory authority; and
- (b) in respect of any building, the frontage of such building whether or not such frontage belongs to the owner of the building which it abutts;

Interpre-
tation.

“ statutory nuisance ” means—

- (a) any premises in such a state as may be prejudicial to health or a nuisance ;
- (b) any accumulation or deposit which may be prejudicial to health or a nuisance ;
- (c) any dust or effluvia which may be prejudicial to the health of or a nuisance to the inhabitants of the neighbourhood;
- (d) any pool, ditch, water course, cistern, sanitary convenience, cesspool, tank, drain, dungpit or ashpit in such a state as to be prejudicial to health or a nuisance ;
- (e) any collection of water or any water vessel found to contain eggs or larvae of mosquitoes or of premises on which conditions whether natural or artificial are likely to cause a propagation or harbouring of mosquitoes;
- (f) any well, tank, cistern or water bucket used for the supply of water for domestic purposes which is so placed or kept with water therein liable to contamination prejudicial to health ;
- (g) any chimney not being a chimney of any dwelling house remitting black smoke in such a quantity as to be a nuisance ;
- (h) any animal or bird kept in such a place or manner as to be prejudicial to health or a nuisance;
- (i) any refuse found on the frontage of any house.

Penalty for statutory nuisances.

Act No. 23 of 1960.

2. Notwithstanding the provisions of Part III of the Public Health Act, 1960, whenever a statutory nuisance is found by any Health Officer or Constable on any premises, the owner shall be guilty of an offence under this section and liable on summary conviction therefor to a fine not exceeding twenty leones or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding three months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

Power to arrest without warrant.

3. Any Public Health Officer or Constable may arrest without warrant the occupier or, in the case of unoccupied premises, the owner of premises on which he finds any statutory nuisance.

Suspension of sec. 23 A of Act No. 23 of 1960.

4. Section 23A of the Public Health Act, 1960 is hereby suspended.

MADE and ISSUED this 25th day of March, 1968.

BRIG. A. T. JUXON-SMITH,