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GOVERNMENT NOTICE No. 21

His Excellency the Acting Governor in Council has approved of the following Bill being introduced into the Legislative Council.

K. W. SIMMONDS,
Acting Clerk to the Legislative Council.

A Bill to Amend the Military Units Ordinance, 1939

BE IT ENACTED by the Governor of the Colony of Kenya, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Military Units (Amendment) Ordinance, 1946, and shall be read as one with the Military Units Ordinance, 1939, hereinafter referred to as the principal Ordinance, and shall come into operation on such date as the Governor may, by notice in the Gazette, appoint.

2. Section 11 of the principal Ordinance is hereby repealed and the following section substituted therefor:—

10 "11. (1) The provisions relating to discipline contained in the King's African Rifles Ordinance, 1932, shall apply to every member and follower of any unit who is an Abyssinian (Amhara, Tigre and Shoa), a Somali, a Baluchi born in Africa, a Malagasy, a Comoro Islander or a native, as if such member or follower were a person subject to the provisions of that Ordinance:

15 Provided that section 46 of such Ordinance shall have effect as if paragraphs (1)A (b) and (2)A (b) thereof both read—

'(b) Dismiss the offender from the unit.'

20 (2) The provisions relating to discipline contained in the Army Act, 44 and 45 Vict. Ch. 58, and any articles of war or rules made in pursuance of such Act and for the time being in force, shall apply to members of any unit other than those mentioned in sub-section (1) of this section."

MEMORANDUM OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Section 11 of the principal Ordinance (Ordinance No. 25 of 1939) contains, *inter alia*, provisions relating to the discipline applicable to "soldiers and followers" when on active service within the meaning of the Army Act, 44 and 45 Vict. Ch. 58.

The Army in East Africa is, in the near future, reverting from active service to peace-time conditions. That being so it is necessary to make provision regarding the discipline which shall be applicable to such persons when the reversion to peace-time conditions takes place. This Bill, therefore, seeks to repeal section 11 of the principal Ordinance and replace that section with a new section which seeks to make the provisions, relating to discipline, contained in the King's African Rifles Ordinance, 1932, apply to the members and followers mentioned in sub-clause (1) of the new clause, and the provisions, relating to discipline, contained in the Army Act, apply to any other member of any unit.

No expenditure of public moneys will be involved if the provisions of this Bill become law.

Nairobi,
7th January, 1946.

S. W. P. FOSTER SUTTON,
Member for Law and Order.