

shall have power to deal summarily with a charge against an officer below the rank of field officer referred for that purpose, or for trial by court-martial, under the foregoing Section of this Act, that is to say, any general officer authorized to convene a general court-martial, and also, on active service, the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief in the Field, and any officer (not under the rank of Major-General) appointed for the purpose by him, or by the Air Council.

"(2) The authority having power to deal summarily with the case may, with or without hearing the evidence, dismiss the charge, if he in his discretion thinks that it ought not to be proceeded with, or, where he thinks the charge ought to be proceeded with, take steps for bringing the offender to a court-martial, or may, after hearing the evidence, deal with the case summarily by awarding one or more of the following punishments:

(a) Forfeiture of seniority of rank either in the air force or in the corps or unit to which the offender belongs, or in both.

(b) Severe reprimand or reprimand.

"(3) Where the authority having power to deal summarily with the case considers that he may so deal with the case, he shall, unless he awards a severe reprimand, or a reprimand, in every case ask the officer charged whether he desires to be dealt with summarily or to be tried by a court-martial, and if the officer elects to be tried by a court-martial, take steps for bringing him to trial by a court-martial, but otherwise shall proceed to deal with the case summarily.

"(4) In every case where an authority has power to dispose of a case summarily, and decides so to do, the accused officer may demand that the evidence against him should be taken on oath, and the same oath or solemn declaration as that required to be taken by witnesses before a court-martial shall be administered to each witness in such case.

"(5) An offender shall not be liable to be tried by court-martial for any offence which has been dealt with summarily under this Section, and shall not be liable to be punished by a general officer under this Section for any offence of which he has been acquitted or convicted by a competent civil court or by a court-martial."

4. Section 114 shall be amended as follows:—

In Sub-section (1A) the second paragraph shall be omitted.

After Sub-section (1A) the following Sub-section shall be inserted:—

"(1B) With respect to horses, the following provision shall have effect—

(i) It shall be the duty of the owner of any horse, and the occupier of any premises where horses are kept, to furnish, if so required, to the authority hereinafter mentioned before such date in each year as may be prescribed a return specifying the number of horses belonging to him or kept on his premises, and giving with respect to every horse such details as may be so prescribed; he shall also afford all reasonable facilities for enabling any horse belonging to him or kept on his premises to be inspected and examined as and when required by the said authority; if any person fails to comply with any of the requirements of this paragraph, he

shall be liable on summary conviction for each offence to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds;

(ii) the Air Council may, for the purposes of this Sub-section, make regulations prescribing anything which under this Sub-section is to be prescribed, and prescribing the forms to be used, and generally for the purpose of carrying this Sub-section into effect;

(iii) regulations made by the Air Council may provide for excepting from the provisions of this Sub-section horses of any class or description specified in the regulations."

After Sub-section (3) the following Sub-section shall be inserted:—

"(3A) If any officer is obstructed in the exercise of his powers under this Section, a justice of the peace may, if satisfied by information on oath that the officer has been so obstructed, issue a search warrant authorizing the constable named therein, accompanied by the officer, to enter the premises in respect of which the obstruction took place at any time between six o'clock in the morning and nine o'clock in the evening, and to inspect any carriages or animals that may be found therein."

For Sub-section (4) there shall be substituted the following Sub-section:—

"(4) The authority for the purposes of this Section shall be the Air Council or any authority or persons to whom the Air Council may delegate their powers under this Section."

5. At the end of Section 115 the following Sub-section shall be inserted:—

"(10) A requisition of emergency issued under this Section may prohibit, during such period as may be specified in the requisition, the sale and purchase of horses to or by any person other than a person appointed by the Air Council to purchase horses; and if any person sells or purchases or is concerned in the sale or purchase of a horse in contravention of such prohibition, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months, or to both such imprisonment and fine."

6. The following provision shall be added at the end of Sub-section (2) of Section 131:—

"Notwithstanding anything in this Act, a Secretary of State may arrange with the Governor of a Colony that any person or class of persons enlisted in the Colony shall, if sentenced under this Act to penal servitude, be transferred to or kept in the Colony and there undergo his sentence in any prison or place in which persons sentenced to penal servitude by a civil court in the Colony can for the time being be confined or, if there be no such prison or place, in an authorized prison as defined by Section 65 of this Act."

7. Section 153 shall be amended as follows:—

(a) For the words "any airman," "an airman," and "such airman," wherever those words occur, there shall be substituted respectively the words "any officer or airman," "an officer or airman," and "such officer or airman."

(b) After the word "desert," wherever that word occurs, there shall be inserted the words "or absent himself without leave," after the