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A LAW TO ENLARGE THE POWERS OF COMMISSIONERS
TO COMPOUND OFFENCES.

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Officer Administering the Government.

BE it enacted :—

1. This Law may be cited as the Compounding of Offences Law, 1936. Short title.

2.—(1) When any person is reasonably suspected of having committed any of the offences set out in the third column of the Schedule punishable under any of the Laws specified in the second column thereof, the Commissioner of the District in which the offence is alleged to have been committed may compound the offence by accepting from such person a payment in money not exceeding the maximum monetary penalty prescribed for the offence by the respective Law. Power to Commissioners to compound certain offences.

(2) When an offence is compoundable under this section, an attempt to commit such offence (when such attempt is itself an offence) may be compounded in like manner.

(3) Where by any of the Laws specified in the second column of the Schedule it is provided that upon the conviction of the offender for any of the offences set out in the third column of the Schedule any animals or things in respect of which the offence has been committed shall be forfeited, the Commissioner who compounds the offence may, in addition to any payment in money, require the offender to forfeit any such animals or things or such part thereof as the Commissioner may think fit.

3. Where any payment has been made to the Commissioner under section 2, the Commissioner shall give to the person making the payment an acknowledgment under his hand showing— Commissioner to give acknowledgment.

(a) the amount paid ;

(b) the particulars of the offence compounded ; and

(c) the name, surname and place of abode of the person in respect of whose offence the composition has been made :

Provided that where the Commissioner has exercised the power conferred on him by section 2 (3), the acknowledgment shall show the nature and approximate value of the animals or things forfeited.