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An Ordinance to Provide for the Punishment of Persons Practising Fangay in the Colony and Protectorate of Sierra Leone.

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1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Fangay Ordinance, and shall apply to the Colony and Protectorate. Short title

2. In this Ordinance—

Interpreta-
tion.

“person practising *fangay*” means any person who uses or pretends to use any occult means or pretends to possess any supernatural power or knowledge or is in possession of any instrument of *fangay* and who acts in any of the ways aforesaid, with intent to effect any fraudulent or unlawful purpose, or for gain or for the purpose of frightening any person;

“instrument of *fangay*” means anything used or intended to be used by a person for any of the purposes aforesaid and pretended by such person to be possessed of any occult or supernatural power.

3. Every person practising *fangay* shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds or to imprisonment, with or without hard labour, for a period not exceeding twelve months. Punishment.

Summary
punishment
in certain
cases.

4. An offence against this Ordinance shall only be dealt with summarily when it appears to the Court of summary jurisdiction that the offence would be adequately punished by a fine not exceeding ten pounds, or by a sentence, with or without hard labour, for a period not exceeding three months.

Framing of
charge and
proof there-
under.

5. In charging a person with being a person practising *fangay* it shall be sufficient in the charge to state that he is a person practising *fangay*, and if any of the acts mentioned in the definition of a person practising *fangay* in section 2 is proved to have been done by him with any of the intents or purposes mentioned in the said definition, he shall be liable to conviction on such charge.

Power of
search.

6. Whenever it is made to appear on oath that there is reasonable cause to suspect that any person is in possession of any instrument of *fangay*, it shall be lawful for the Magistrate, or any Justice of the Peace, by warrant, to authorise any constable to enter and search any place either in the day or in the night, and if any instrument of *fangay* is found in any place so searched, to seize and keep it for the purpose of producing it in evidence in any proceedings before any Court of Justice.

Arrest
without
warrant.

7. It shall be lawful for any member of the Police Force to arrest without warrant any person practising *fangay*.
