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Bengal Excise Act, 1909

Section 58 - Penalty on Excise Officer making vexatious search, seizure, detention or arrest, or refusing duty, or being guilty of

a) without reasonable grounds of suspicion, searches or causes to be searched, any place, under colour of exercising any power conferred by this Act, or (b) vexatiously and unnecessarily seizes any property of any person on the pretence of seizing or searching for any article liable to confiscation under this Act, or (c) vexatiously and unnecessarily detains, searches or arrests any person, or (d) without lawful excuse, ceases or refuses to perform, or withdraws himself from, the duties of his office, unless expressly allowed to do so in writing by the Collector or unless he has given to his immediate superior two months' notice in writing of his intention to do so, or (e) is guilty of cowardice, he shall be liable to imprisonment for a term which may extend to 99. Words subs. by the Government of India (Adaptation of Indian Laws) Order, 1937 and the Adaptation of Laws Order, 1950. [one year], or to fine which may extend to 1010. Word subs. for the words "excisable article" by the Government of India (Adaptation of Indian Laws) Order, 1937. [two thousand] rupees, or to both.