Examination of Masters, Engineers, Pilots, and other responsible persons in Inland Steamers.

lights, fogs, signals, survey, passing and meeting of Inland Steamers.

Orders under certain conditions to have force of

Orders to be laid before the Legislature.

Until such orders, Part IV. of Merchant Shipping Act. 1854, to apply

Punishment of felony.

Punishment of Misdemeanor and lesser offences; who may be prosecuted before Stipendiary Magistrate. Inland Waters, for such periods not exceeding one year at any one time, and with, under, and subject to such powers of revocation. conditions, and penaltics as the said Governor, or other Officer, shall by any order, to be published in the *Government Gazette*, from time to time direct, vary, or appoint.

V. It shall be lawful for the said Governor, or other Officer as atoresaid, by any order published as aforesaid, from time to time to require and appoint, as a necessary condition for employment on board any ship or ships, or steam-vessel or vessels navigating the Inland Waters as aforesaid, such examinations as to competency, sobriety, ability, and general good conduct on board ship, of any persons employed as Masters, Filots, Engineers, on board any ship or ships, vessel or vessels engaged in navigating the Inland Waters as aforesaid, and to require the same to be conducted by such persons, in such forms and manner, with such certificates of competency, or of service in lieu of examination, and to enforce the same by such penalties of revocation or suspension of certificate, or otherwise, to be enforceable in such wise as such Governor, or other Officer as aforesaid, may from time to time by any such order direct.

VI The said Governor, or other Officer as aforesaid, may, from time to time by any order to be published as aforesaid, make and varysuch rules with regard to lights, fogs, fog-signals, signals, meeting, and passing of ships or steam-vessels, and the construction, equipment, survey, and inspection of, and for the prevention of accidents, in steamships navigating the Inland Waters as aforesaid, with such penalties for enforcing the strict observance thereof as such Governor, or other Officer as aforesaid, shall from time to time deem advisable.

VII. Until duly revoked, and so far as the same shall not have been so revoked, varied, or discharged, every such order shall take effect and have the force of law, from the date of the publication thereof in the *Government Gazette*, in the same manner as if the same had originally formed part of this Ordinance.

VIII. Provided that every such rule shall if the Legislative Council be sitting, be laid within one calendar month after its publication before such Council, and if the Legislative Council be not sitting within one calendar month after the opening of the next session.

IX. In the meantime, and so far as any such Rules shall not apply. So much of the provisions of Part IV. of the said Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, as are applicable to the class of ships or steam-vessels, and the persons navigating the said Inland Waters as aforesaid, shall apply and be in force and enforceable in this Colony, in the same manner mutatis mutandis as is therein provided, with respect to seagoing merchant ships, steam-vessels and persons.

X. Every offence by this Ordinance, or any clause, or clauses, part, or parts, of the said Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, made applicable to Inland Trade and Navigation in this Colony, by this Ordinance declared to be a Felony, shall be punishable in the ordinary manner, in any Court of the Colony for the time being having criminal jurisdiction in that behalf.

XI. Every offence declared by this Ordinance, or by any clause or part of the said Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, included in this Ordinance to be a misdemeanor, and every lesser offence than a felony, shall be punishable by imprisonment for any period not exceeding six calendar months, with or without hard labour, or by a penalty not exceeding one hundred pounds, and may be prosecuted in a summary manner, before any Stipendiary Magistrate or any two Justices of the Peace