ACT No. XXVIII of 1870.

PASSED BY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL. (Received the assent of the Governor General on the 16th December 1870).

An Act to authorise the committal of European British subjects by Courts in the Andamans to the High Court at Fort William.

WHEREAS Act No. XXI of 1863 (to constitute Preamble. Recorders' Courts for the Towns of Akyab, Rangoon and Moulmein in British Burmah, and to establish Courts of Small Causes in the said towns), section forty-one, enacts that European British subjects arrested for, or guilty of, certain offences in the Tenasserim Provinces shall be committed to, and tried by, the Recorder at Maulmain; And whereas the Andaman Islands form part of the said Provinces; And whereas it is expedient that the jurisdiction so given to the Recorder at Maulmain should, so far as regards the said Islands, be transferred to the High Court of Judicature at Fort William; It is hereby enacted as follows :-

1. Every European British subject charged in the European Andaman Islands with any offence which a Justice of British subthe Peace is not competent to punish, shall, if there in the Andabe sufficient grounds for committing him for trial, be mans with committed to and tried by, the said High Court in certain offences to be comthe exercise of its ordinary original criminal juris-mitted to the diction.

High Court, Fort William.

2. Act No. XXI of 1863, section forty-one, so Act XXI far as it relates to the Andaman Islands, is hereby of 1863, section fortyrepealed. as to the Andamans.