

Island Regulations,

Comment on by Mr Grimble in 1930.

1. Not to be regarded as fixed in detail over an indefinite number of years.
2. Purpose of standardizing these regulations in addition to the common purpose of equality is to make the native law-conscious. He is to know what the law is, to realise its fixity, and to be aware that lax interpretation and promiscuous punishment is not allowable.
3. But the regulations should not be regarded as existing in their present form for a further period than say 5 years.
4. The tendency of the Government should be to abolish certain restrictions from time to time in accordance with the growth of civic feeling, say for example, the disposition to tell the truth in court in giving evidence. The more the growth of civic responsibility and moral obligation, the less the restrictions on the individual and vice versa.

Two procedures that probably should go first: the curfew and the search for sour-toddy drinkers (the breath test). Very difficult to defend actions as these on papers. Isolated examples of "babai" mutilation or of gambling in the bush should not be regarded as implying the failure of lessened restrictions.

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