

## **EXTRADITION SYSTEM OF BELIZE**

All powers vested in and acts authorized or required to be done by the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate at Bow Street, London, in relation to the surrender of fugitive criminals in the United Kingdom under the Extradition Acts are hereby vested in and may in Belize be exercised and be done by the Chief Magistrate, and any powers vested in and acts authorized to be done under the said Acts in the United Kingdom by any justice of the peace other than the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate at Bow Street, London, are hereby vested in and may in Belize be exercised and done by any senior justice of the peace.

The committal and detention of any fugitive criminal in Belize under the Extradition Acts shall be in and to the prison at Hattieville.

The powers vested in any judge of Her Majesty's High Court of Justice in England relative to the discharge of any fugitive criminal when not conveyed out of the United Kingdom within two months after his committal under the Extradition Acts are hereby vested in and may in Belize be exercised only by the Chief Justice.

In any proceedings for extradition of an accused person to a foreign state, every duly authenticated document issued by a judge of the country applying for extradition shall be held to be a warrant as required by any extradition treaty applicable to Belize, if in such document the arrest of the person whose extradition is desired is ordered, authorized or requested, or if in such document instructions be given for the issue of an order or request for the arrest of such person.

Every such document shall be held to be a warrant as aforesaid, to whomever it may be addressed or even if not addressed to any person.

In every case in which the Chief Magistrate dismisses the charge against a person in respect of whom an application for extradition has been made, the Director of Public Prosecutions may require the said magistrate to transmit to him the evidence and all the documents connected with the case, and it shall be the duty of the magistrate forthwith to comply with such requisition.

If the Director of Public Prosecutions is of opinion that the charge ought not to have been dismissed, he may apply to the Supreme Court for a warrant of arrest of the accused person, and if the court is of opinion that such charge ought not to have been dismissed it may make such order as the magistrate ought to have made, and may make such other orders and do all such acts as it may think necessary to carry out in respect of the accused person the provisions of the Extradition Acts and of the Treaty under which the extradition of the accused person is requested.