

## FEDERATED MALAY STATES.

### REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES FOR THE YEAR 1924.

1. In 1924, twenty-five local companies, with a nominal capital of \$12,324,763, were registered in this office under the provisions of "The Companies Enactment, 1917."

2. The figures for the three preceding years are:

1921	...	...	30 companies	...	...	capital \$ 4,988,000
1922	...	...	20	„	...	3,708,700
1923	...	...	22	„	...	12,367,784

3. Of the twenty-five companies registered in 1924, twenty-four were formed for the acquisition of gain, and one for the purpose of providing and maintaining a hospital or hospitals, the payment of dividend to its members being prohibited.

4. Thirteen of these companies were "private companies," within the meaning of section 149 (i) of "The Companies Enactment, 1917."

5. The main objects for which the twenty-five companies were formed are classified below:

(a) Mining	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
(b) Mining and rubber-planting	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
(c) Coal mining	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
(d) Rubber-planting	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
(e) General agricultural purposes	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
(f) Palm-oil extraction	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
(g) General trading	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
(h) A cinema	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
(i) A hospital	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

6. The number of local companies on the register on 1st January, 1924, was 239, and on 31st December, 1924, 240.

7. The number of local companies in liquidation in 1924 was thirty-eight.

8. Nine local companies were struck off the register as defunct.

9. In 1924, \$9,302 were collected as fees, as compared with \$8,779 in 1923, and \$6,168 in 1922.

10. One prosecution was brought under Enactment 20 of 1917.

11. In nine cases, the Registrar imposed fines under the provisions of section 295 of the Enactment.

12. Twenty-four companies filed in this office particulars under "The British and Foreign Companies Enactment, 1912."

13. The figures in the two previous years were:

Thirty-eight in 1923, and thirty-one in 1922.

14. These twenty-four companies had as their respective main objects:

- (a) In eleven cases, rubber-planting.
- (b) In three cases, tin-mining.
- (c) In two cases, general agriculture.
- (d) In two cases, fire insurance.
- (e) In one case, fire and life insurance.
- (f) In one case, dealing in rubber.
- (g) In four cases, the general acquisition of gain.

15. These twenty-four companies were incorporated in the following places respectively:

(a) In England	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
(b) In the Straits Settlements	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
(c) In Scotland	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
(d) In France	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
(e) In Hongkong	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
(f) In Shanghai	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

16. On 31st December, 1924, there were 583 companies on the register under the provisions of "The British and Foreign Companies Enactment, 1912," as compared with 570 on 31st December, 1923. During 1924, 11 companies were struck off the register as having ceased to have a place of business within the Federated Malay States, or to carry on business therein.

17. Two such companies were prosecuted in 1924.

18. The revenue collected in respect of companies falling within the scope of "The British and Foreign Companies Enactment, 1912," was \$2,345, as compared with \$2,682 in 1923, and \$2,373 in 1922.

19. There were three Registrars during the year, viz.:

Mr. H. C. Eckhardt from 1st January, 1924, to 9th April, 1924;

Mr. H. R. Bull from 10th April, 1924, to 30th November, 1924;

Mr. G. C. Valpy from 1st December, 1924, to 31st December, 1924.

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