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DRAFT ORDINANCE.

MINUTE.

The following Draft of a proposed Ordinance is published for general information :---

An Ordinance to amend "The Ceylon Rallways Ordinance, 1902."

Preamble.

Short title.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend "The Ceylon Railways Ordinance, 1902": Be it therefore enacted by the Governor of Ceylon, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:

1 This Ordinance may be cited as "The Ceylon Railways (Amendment) Ordinance, No. of 1915."

2 The following proviso shall be added to section 5 of the principal Ordinance :

Provided that in the case of passengers, passengers' luggage, parcels, H. C. and D. traffic, goods and live stock traffic conveyed via Talaimannar to any station in Ceylon or India, the charges for the conveyance of such traffic between Maradana and Talaimannar shall, pending the fixing of rates under this Ordinance, be such as may be determined by the General Manager, and the schedule to this Ordinance shall not apply to such charges. By His Excellency's command

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Colonial Secretary's Colombo, March 9,	Office, 1915.	R. E. STUBBS, Colonial Secretary.
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Statement of Objects and Reasons.

THIS Ordinance is designed to meet a temporary difficulty caused in working the Indo-Ceylon Railway *viâ* Talaimannar. It is found impossible at present to fix regular rates for traffic between Ceylon and certain stations in South India, because at present no such traffic exists, and it is impossible to say what would be the reasonable rate to fix until traffic is developed. It is proposed, therefore, to allow the General Manager, with a view to developing this traffic, to arrange temporary charges until sufficient information shall have been obtained to justify the fixing of regular rates.

Attorney-General's Chambers, Colombo, February 26, 1915. Anton Bertram, Attorney-General.

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