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### DRAFT ORDINANCES.

#### MINUTE.

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

An Ordinance to amend "The Riot Damages Ordinance, No. 23 of 1915."

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend "The Riot Damages Ordinance, No. 23 of 1915": Be it therefore enacted by the Governor of Ceylon, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:

Short title and commencement.

1 This Ordinance may be cited as "The Riot Damages (Amendment) Ordinance, No. of 1916," and shall be deemed to have been in force as from the date of the commencement of the principal Ordinance.

Colombo scheme validated.

2 The scheme framed by the Municipal Council of Colombo under the principal Ordinance, and published in the "Government Gazette" No. 6,759 of December 3, 1915, shall be conclusively deemed to have been framed and approved in accordance with the principal Ordinance, and to have the force of law.

Power of Municipal Council to frame supplemental scheme.

3 The following sub-section shall be added to section 32 of the principal Ordinance:

(5) A Municipal Council, subject to the approval of the Governor in Executive Council, may from time to time frame a supplemental scheme for the amendment of any scheme framed under the principal Ordinance, and all the provisions of this section shall apply to such supplemental scheme.

By His Excellency's command.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Colombo, January 17, 1916. A. S. FADEN, Acting Colonial Secretary.

*Statement of Objects and Reasons.*

The object of this Ordinance is—

- (a) To remove doubts that have been suggested as to the validity of the scheme framed by the Colombo Municipal Council under "The Riot Damages Ordinance, No. 23 of 1915," on the ground that the scheme was framed and approved before the Municipal limits were declared a riot area, and before the particulars of the assessment of damages were published.
- (b) To authorize Municipalities to frame supplemental schemes when an amendment of the original scheme is found necessary.

Attorney-General's Chambers,  
Colombo, January 14, 1916.

ANTON BERTRAM,  
Attorney-General.

**MINUTE.**

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

An Ordinance to amend "The Criminal Procedure Code, 1898."

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend "The Criminal Procedure Code, 1898": Be it therefore enacted by the Governor of Ceylon, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:

Short title.

1 This Ordinance may be cited as "The Criminal Procedure Code (Amendment) Ordinance, No. of 1916."

Addition of new sub-section to section 406 of the principal Ordinance.

2 The following sub-section shall be added to section 406 of the principal Ordinance and shall be numbered (6), and shall be inserted immediately after sub-section (5) of the said section:

(6) The deposition of a Government officer taken and attested by a Police Magistrate in the presence of the accused and deposing to the receipt, custody, or disposal of any document, the validity or identity of which was at no stage in the proceedings challenged by the accused, may be given in evidence in any inquiry, trial, or other proceeding under this Code, although the deponent is not called as a witness, subject to the condition contained in sub-section (5) of this section.

Amendment of tabular statement of offences in schedule III.

3 The tabular statement of offences in schedule II. of the principal Ordinance shall be amended as follows:

In the statement relating to section 380 of the Ceylon Penal Code the words "where the value of the property in respect of which the offence is committed does not exceed one hundred rupees" shall be inserted in continuation of and after the words "Police Court" in the 8th column.

By His Excellency's command,

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Colombo, January 15, 1916.

A. S. PAGDEN,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

*Statement of Objects and Reasons.*

The object of this Ordinance is to amend section 406 of the Criminal Procedure Code with a view to dispensing with the attendance of Government officers summoned as witnesses before the higher courts, who in the lower court merely depose to the receipt, custody, or disposal of some document, the validity of which is at no stage in the proceedings challenged by the other side. This amendment, however, is subject to the provision contained in sub-section (5) of that section, viz., that the court may, if it think fit, summon and examine the deponent.

2. Advantage has also been taken to supply an omission in the tabular statement of offences in schedule II. As the schedule stands at present, a man who is charged with theft of property exceeding in value a sum of one hundred rupees has to be tried by the District Court, whereas if he commits robbery of property worth over a hundred rupees he can be tried by a Police Magistrate.

Attorney-General's Chambers,  
Colombo, November 5, 1915.

ANTON BERTRAM,  
Attorney-General.