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PROCLAMATIONS BY THE GOVERNOR.

In the Name of His Majesty GEORGE THE FIFTH, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith.

PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency Sir JOHN ANDERSON, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Ceylon, with the Dependencies thereof.

JOHN ANDERSON.

WHEREAS it is expedient to establish for the Sanitary Board town of Dodanduwa, in the Galle District of the Southern Province, a general cemetery for the burial or cremation of the dead within the limits hereinafter specified and defined:

Now know Ye that We, the Governor of Ceylon, in exercise of the powers in Us vested by section 6 (1) of "The Cemeteries and Burials Ordinance, 1899," and with the advice of the Executive Council, do hereby, as from and after the date hereof, establish a general cemetery on the land set forth in the Schedule A hereto for the burial or cremation of the dead within the limits specified and defined in Schedule B hereto.

Given at Colombo, in the said Island of Ceylon, this Seventeenth day of November, in the year of our Lord One thousand Nine hundred and Sixteen.

By His Excellency's command,

R. E. STUBBS,
Colonial Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

SCHEDULE A.

An allotment of land in the town of Dodanduwa, in the Galle District, Southern Province, appearing as lot A 16 in preliminary plan 9,662, in extent 1 acre and 12.75 perches; bounded on the north by Badugalagawakumbura, east by the Village Committee road, south by Kurunduwatta, and west by the Ratgama-oya.

SCHEDULE B.

The Sanitary Board town of Dodanduwa; bounded on the north by the northern limit of Kumarakanda, portion of Patuwata, Gonapinuwala road, and of the road to Walamulla and Ratgama lake, east by the Ratgama lake, west by the sea, and south by the southern limits of Motawatta, Wellawatta, Batalawatta, and the path leading to the lake along Baborisapadinchiwau Mawatawatta.

In the Name of His Majesty GEORGE THE FIFTH, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith.

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JOHN ANDERSON.

WHEREAS certain by-laws were made for the Local Board of Anuradhapura, in the District of Anuradhapura of the North-Central Province, under the provisions of section 19 (1) of the Vehicles Ordinance, No. 9 of 1901, and published by a Proclamation bearing date January 20, 1905 :

And whereas by-law No. 27 and Schedule B mentioned therein of the said by-laws were amended, and such amendment was published by a Proclamation bearing date September 17, 1909 :

And whereas it is expedient further to amend the Schedule B above referred to :

Now know Ye that We, the Governor of Ceylon, in exercise of the powers vested in Us by section 19 (1) of the said Ordinance, and with the advice of the Executive Council, do hereby amend the said Schedule B of by-law No. 27, published in *Government Gazette* dated September 17, 1909, by substituting therefor the schedule hereto.

Given at Colombo, in the said Island of Ceylon, this Seventeenth day of November, in the year of our Lord One thousand Nine hundred and Sixteen.

By His Excellency's command,

R. E. STUBBS,
Colonial Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

BY-LAW REFERRED TO.

Section 27.—Rates and fares for goods and passengers, as well for time as distance, shall be chargeable according to the scale specified in Schedule B annexed hereto, which shall be legibly printed or inscribed on a card or plate and affixed inside in some conspicuous part of every licensed carriage plying for hire during all the time the carriage shall ply or be used for hire.

SCHEDULE B.

Scale of Carriage Rates and Fares.

For Carriages.

	Rs. c.
6 A.M. to 7.30 P.M. (allowing an interval of two hours from 11 A.M. to 1 P.M.)	7 50
One hour or less	1 25
First hour	1 25
Second hour	1 0
Third hour and every further hour	0 75
To and from Railway Station	1 50
To or from Railway Station	1 0
7.30 P.M. to 6 A.M., one-third extra.	

For Hackeries and Spring Carts.

One hour or less not exceeding three persons	0 50
Every further hour	0 25
To or from Railway Station not exceeding three persons	0 40
To Mihintale for each person to return same day	1 50
To Mihintale for two persons to return same day	2 0
To Mihintale for three persons to return same day	2 50
Two children below 10 years of age to be taken as one person.	
7.30 P.M. to 6 A.M., one-third extra.	

For Jinrickshas.

First half hour	0 50
First hour	0 80
Every additional half hour	0 25
7.30 P.M. to 6 A.M., one-third extra.	

APPOINTMENTS, &c., BY THE GOVERNOR.

No. 380 of 1916.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR has been pleased to make the following appointments :—

Mr. W. L. MURPHY to be, in addition to his own duties, Additional District Judge, Mannar, for November 28, 1916.

Mr. N. E. ERNST to be an Assistant Commissioner of Excise, with effect from November 16, 1916.

Mr. HENRY A. PERERA to be a Justice of the Peace for the Island.

Mr. A. E. OGILVY to be a Justice of the Peace and an Unofficial Police Magistrate for the District of Badulla, during the absence from the Island of Mr. F. FOWLER.

By His Excellency's command,
Colonial Secretary's Office, R. E. STUBBS,
Colombo, November 20, 1916. Colonial Secretary.

No. 381 of 1916.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR has been pleased to direct that Mr. W. T. STACE, Ceylon Civil Service, be attached to the Censor's Office, with effect from December 1, 1916.

By His Excellency's command,
Colonial Secretary's Office, R. E. STUBBS,
Colombo, November 20, 1916. Colonial Secretary.

No. 382 of 1916.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR has been pleased to direct that Mr. F. MARSHALL be attached to the Trincomalee Kachcheri, with effect from November 24, 1916, in addition to his duties as Commissioner of Requests and Police Magistrate, Trincomalee, and Assistant Superintendent of the Prison at Trincomalee.

By His Excellency's command,
Colonial Secretary's Office, R. E. STUBBS,
Colombo, November 22, 1916. Colonial Secretary.

No. 383 of 1916.

HEADS of Departments are hereby authorized to accept the signature of Mr. C. T. SYMONS on behalf of the Government Analyst from November 28, 1916, during the absence of the latter on leave, or until further orders.

By His Excellency's command,
Colonial Secretary's Office, R. E. STUBBS,
Colombo, November 13, 1916. Colonial Secretary.

No. 384 of 1916.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR has been pleased, under section 6 (d) of Ordinance No. 8 of 1907, to nominate the under-mentioned persons to be Members of the District School Committee, Galle, for a term of three years from January 1, 1917:—

Rev. Father J. COOREMAN.
Rev. W. J. T. SMALL.
Rev. G. A. PURSER.
Mr. F. L. WOODWARD.

By His Excellency's command,
Colonial Secretary's Office, R. E. STUBBS,
Colombo, November 17, 1916. Colonial Secretary.

No. 385 of 1916.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR has been pleased, under the provisions of section 120 of "The Criminal Procedure Code, 1898," as amended by Ordinance No. 37 of 1908, to appoint Mr. DON JERANIS DE ALVIS SAMARADIWAKARA JAYASUNDERA to act as an Inquirer for Bentota-Walallawiti korale from November 1 to 8, 1916, during the absence from the district of Mr. M. AMARASEKERA.

By His Excellency's command,
Colonial Secretary's Office, R. E. STUBBS,
Colombo, November 18, 1916. Colonial Secretary.

No. 386 of 1916.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR has been pleased, under section 120 of "The Criminal Procedure Code, 1898," as amended by Ordinance No. 37 of 1908, to appoint Mr. MEDDUMA BANDA DAULAGALA as Inquirer for Weudawili hatpattu, Kurunegala District.

By His Excellency's command,
Colonial Secretary's Office, R. E. STUBBS,
Colombo, November 21, 1916. Colonial Secretary.

No. 387 of 1916.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR has been pleased, under section 120 of "The Criminal Procedure Code, 1898," as amended by Ordinance No. 37 of 1908, to appoint Mr. PUNCHI BANDA HERAT to act as an Inquirer for Wannu hatpattu, Kurunegala District, for one month from December 1, 1916, during the absence of Mr. J. H. POLAMBEGODA, on leave.

By His Excellency's command,
Colonial Secretary's Office, R. E. STUBBS,
Colombo, November 23, 1916. Colonial Secretary.

No. 388 of 1916.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR has been pleased to appoint the under-mentioned persons to be Assessors for the following towns for the year 1917, under the provisions of section 8 of Ordinance No. 18 of 1892:—

Yatiantota.

Mr. P. M. WEERASINGHA.
SINNOAPPUHAMY, Korala of Wendala.
Mr. L. MAHAMMADU LEBBE.

Dehiowita.

Mr. M. G. PERERA.
MADDUMA BANDA, Korala of Atulugama.
Mr. P. M. WEERASINGHA.

Rambukkana.

Mr. B. ABEYRATNA.
KUPPA TAMBY LEBBE HADJIYAR, Town Arachchi of Rambukkana.
Mr. S. A. MAWLANA.

By His Excellency's command,
Colonial Secretary's Office, R. E. STUBBS,
Colombo, November 20, 1916. Colonial Secretary.

No. 389 of 1916.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR has been pleased to appoint Mr. KURANEGE JOACHIM PERERA GUNARATNA, at present practising as a Notary Public at Delatura in the Colombo District, to be a Notary Public throughout Weligam korale, in Matara District, with residence and office at Weligama, and to practise as such in the Sinhalese language.

By His Excellency's command,
Colonial Secretary's Office, R. E. STUBBS,
Colombo, November 16, 1916. Colonial Secretary.

APPOINTMENTS, &c., OF REGISTRARS.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR has been pleased to make the following appointments, with effect from December 1, 1916:—

- (1) Mr. E. A. JAYASEKARA to be Registrar of Lands, Chilaw, *vice* Mr. N. P. NIMALASURIYA, transferred.
- (2) Mr. F. R. DE ZILVA to be Registrar of Lands, Badulla, *vice* Mr. S. A. W. ROSA, transferred.

By His Excellency's command,
Colonial Secretary's Office, R. E. STUBBS,
Colombo, November 17, 1916. Colonial Secretary.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR has been pleased to make the following appointments:—

Mr. S. BASTIAMPILLAI to act as Registrar of Lands, Trincomalee, for two weeks and six days from November 27, 1916, during the absence on leave of the Registrar, Mr. V. R. ARULAMPALAM, or until further orders.

TIKIRI BANDA ANDERAWAWA to act as Registrar of Marriages (Kandyan) of Walapane division, in the Nuwara Eliya District of the Central Province, for sixteen days, with effect from November 23, 1916, during the absence of the

Registrar, LOKU BANDA ANDERAWEWA, on leave. His office will be at Walawwewatta in Ketakandura.

DR. SAMUEL JAMIESON HENLEY LORRAINE DE HEER, L.M.S., Ceylon, to be Additional Deputy Registrar of Births and Deaths of Nuwara Eliya town division, in the Nuwara Eliya District of the Central Province, with effect from November 25, 1916. His office will be at the Civil Hospital, Nuwara Eliya.

DON JAMES RUBASINHA GUNAWARDENE to act as Registrar of Births and Deaths of Neluwa division, and of Marriages (Kandyan) of Yakawala division, and (General) of Hinidum pattu division, in the Galle District of the Southern Province, for fourteen days, with effect from November 20, 1916, *vice* Registrar, D. S. R. GUNAWARDANE, on sick leave. His office will be at Okandewatta in Lelwala.

APPURALA KORALAGE BADDERALA, of Maradammaduwa, to be a Registrar of Births and Deaths of Chunachcheddikulam East and West Sinhalese division, in the Mullaitivu District of the Northern Province, with effect from December 1, 1916, *vice* Registrar, K. G. APPURALA, deceased. His office will be at Siyambalagahawatta in Maradammaduwa.

PUNCHIRALAGE MUDALIHAMY to act as Registrar of Births and Deaths of Uddiyankulama korale division, and of Marriages (Kandyan and General) of Hurulu palata division, in the Anuradhapura District of the North-Central Province, for three months, with effect from December 1, 1916, *vice* Registrar, U. UNDIYARALA, on sick leave. His office will be at the permanent Registrar's Office at Manakkattiya.

By His Excellency's command,
Colonial Secretary's Office, R. E. STUBBS,
Colombo, November 21, 1916. Colonial Secretary.

THE following appointments under section 3 of Ordinance No. 23 of 1900 and section 7 of Ordinance No. 19 of 1907 are hereby notified:—

The Additional Assistant Provincial Registrar, Kalutara, has appointed PAULIS PERERA JAYATILAKA to act as Registrar of Births and Deaths of Haltota division, and of Marriages (General) of Munwattabage pattu division, in the Kalutara District of the Western Province, for thirty days from November 27, 1916, during the absence of the Registrar, S. P. JAYATILAKA, on leave. His office will be at Mahawatta in Haltota.

The Assistant Provincial Registrar, Matale, has appointed PALLEGAMA DUGGANNA WALAWWE DINGIRI BANDA to act as Registrar of Births and Deaths of Wagapanaha PALLESIYA pattuwa division, and of Marriages (General) of Matale North division, in the Matale District of the Central Province, for thirty days from November 10, 1916, during

the absence of the Registrar, P. D. BANDA, on leave. His office will be at Duggana Walawwewatta in Pallegama.

The Assistant Provincial Registrar, Hambantota, has appointed WICKRAMA ARACHCHIGE CHARLIS to act as Registrar of Births and Deaths of Tangalla outside the town division, and of Marriages (General) of West Giruwa pattu division, in the Hambantota District of the Southern Province, for three days from November 15, 1916, during the absence of the Registrar, L. P. DISSANAYAKA, on leave. His office will be at Lunuweraninyagahawatta in Polonnaruwa.

The Provincial Registrar, Northern Province, has appointed THAMPI RAMANATHAN to act as Registrar of Marriages (General) of Valikamam East division, in the Jaffna District of the Northern Province, for five days from October 11, 1916, during the absence of the Registrar, A. KANAKASAPAI, on leave. His office will be at the residing garden of Registrar at Puttur.

The Provincial Registrar, Northern Province, has appointed THAMPI RAMANATHAN to act as Registrar of Marriages (General) of Valikamam East division, in the Jaffna District of the Northern Province, for thirty days from October 16, 1916, *vice* Registrar, A. KANAKASAPAI, deceased. His office will be at the residing garden of the Registrar at Puttur.

The Assistant Provincial Registrar, Mannar, has appointed PHILIP GASPARU KRUS, of Pesalai, to act as Registrar of Births and Deaths of Mannar Island Division No. 2, and of Marriages (General) of Mannar Island division, in the Mannar District of the Northern Province, for two days from November 10, 1916, during the absence of the Acting Registrar, MARIYANU VALATHIAN LOGU, on leave. His office will be at the Police Vidhan's house in Pesalai.

The Provincial Registrar, Badulla, has appointed A. W. ROSA to act as Registrar of Marriages (General) of Yatikinda division, in the Badulla District of the Province of Uva, for six days from November 13, 1916, during the absence of the Registrar, J. R. WEERASEKERA, on leave. His office will be at the Kachcheri, Badulla.
Registrar-General's Office, W. L. KINDERSLEY,
Colombo, November 20, 1916. Registrar-General.

WITH reference to the Notification published in the *Government Gazette* No. 6,316 of June 25, 1909, it is hereby notified that DON SIYADORIS JAYASUNDARA, Registrar of Births and Deaths of Poddala division, and of Marriages (General) of the Four Gravets of Galle and Akmimana division, in the Galle District of the Southern Province, will hold his office on Wednesday, November 29, 1916, at Kapuhempola, instead of at Mipawala.
Registrar-General's Office, W. L. KINDERSLEY,
Colombo, November 17, 1916. Registrar-General.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATIONS.

IN terms of section 24 of the Minute of December 9, 1908, it is hereby notified that the under-mentioned officer, seconded for service, will be allowed to count the period of his temporary employment for pension purposes:—

Name.	Pensionable Appointment.	Seconded Service.
H. O. DE JONG	Under Guard	For work in the Construction Department

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, November 17, 1916.

By His Excellency's command,
R. E. STUBBS,
Colonial Secretary.

"THE LOCAL BOARDS ORDINANCE, 1898."

IT is hereby notified that the following by-laws made by the Local Board of Trincomalee, under and in pursuance of section 56 (5) of Ordinance No. 13 of 1898, have been confirmed by His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, and are hereby published.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, November 18, 1916.

By His Excellency's command,
R. E. STUBBS,
Colonial Secretary.

BY-LAWS REFERRED TO.

1. No person shall keep a bakery without a license from the Chairman of the Local Board.
2. Every room in a bakery used (a) for kneading of dough or preparation of bread and (b) for baking of bread, or for either of these purposes, shall be well

ventilated and well lighted, and the walls thereof plastered with cement, and the floor cemented throughout, and proper drainage provided; a ceiling shall also be provided when so ordered by the Chairman.

3. No bakery or place used for the sale of bread shall be within 30 feet of any cesspit, latrine, or open sewer.

4. No room in a bakery used (a) for kneading of dough or preparation of bread and (b) for baking of bread, or for either of these purposes, shall be used as a dwelling place or for any purpose other than the preparation and baking of bread.

5. All utensils, furniture, and other requisites used in or belonging to a bakery or place used for the sale of bread shall be kept scrupulously clean, and the tops of all tables shall be made of closely fitting planks free from holes and crevices.

6. All refuse and dirt in or about the premises of a bakery or place used for the sale of bread shall be removed without delay, and the drains kept well flushed.

7. All bread, cakes, or sweetmeats kept or exposed for sale shall be kept in properly constructed glass cases free from flies. The glass cases shall be kept scrupulously clean.

8. No person suffering from any cutaneous, contagious, or infectious disease shall be employed in or about any place used as a bakery or for selling bread.

9. All persons employed in the preparation and baking of bread shall wear clean white aprons covering the chest and the body, and clean white caps on the head.

10. It shall be lawful for the Local Board Inspectors, Secretary, or other persons authorized in writing by the Chairman at any time to enter and inspect any bakery or place used for the sale of bread, provided that there is some one on the premises.

11. Copies of the above by-laws in English, Sinhalese, and Tamil must be hung up in a conspicuous place in every bakery.

IT is hereby notified for general information that the under-mentioned Clerks in Class II., Grade III., of the Clerical Service have passed the examination prescribed in the Minute dated June 16, 1908, in the subjects noted against their names:—

*Abayagunaratna, E. V.	..	..	Accounts
Abayasekara, E. A.	..	..	Sinhalese (a) and (b)
Abayawickrema, T. de S.	..	..	Bookkeeping
Arulampalam, R. K.	..	..	Accounts
Ayampillai, E.	..	..	Tamil (a) and (b); Accounts
*Canapathipillai, C. (P. W. D.)	..	..	Accounts
*Chinnatamby, G. M.	..	..	Bookkeeping
*Christoffelsz, H. C.	..	..	Sinhalese (a)
De Costa, S. E.	..	..	Sinhalese (a); Tamil (a) and (b)
De Pinto, B. E.	..	..	Accounts
De Silva, M. C.	..	..	Sinhalese (a) and (b); Accounts
De Silva, N. A. W.	..	..	Sinhalese (b)
Dharmakirti, G. W.	..	..	Sinhalese (a); Accounts
Goonewardana, J. W.	..	..	Sinhalese (b); Tamil (a)
Gunaratna, M. D. A.	..	..	Sinhalese (b)
Herat, C. B.	..	..	Accounts
*Hettiarachchi, D. P. E.	..	..	Sinhalese (b)
Jayasinghe, A.	..	..	Sinhalese (a) and (b); Bookkeeping.
Jayasundera, D. J.	..	..	Bookkeeping
Karunaratna, A. M.	..	..	Sinhalese (b); Accounts
Perera, Alfred	..	..	Sinhalese (b)
Perera, J. M.	..	..	Sinhalese (a) and (b)
Perera, K. A.	..	..	Sinhalese (a)
*Perera, K. P.	..	..	Bookkeeping
Rajapaksa, A. B.	..	..	Sinhalese (b)
*Rajaratnam, E. J.	..	..	Bookkeeping
Ramasamy, T.	..	..	Bookkeeping
Rosa, L. F.	..	..	Sinhalese (a) and (b)
Saravanamuttu, A.	..	..	Tamil (a) and (b); Bookkeeping
Saverimuttu, A. F.	..	..	Tamil (b)
Sella Tamby, V. C.	..	..	Accounts
Selvadurai, M.	..	..	Tamil (a)
Selvaratnam, A. M.	..	..	Tamil (a)
Somasundaram, K. V.	..	..	Tamil (a)
*Tillekeratna, J. G. de W.	..	..	Sinhalese (a) and (b); Bookkeeping
*Vallipuram, S.	..	..	Sinhalese (b); Accounts

The officers asterisked (*) have now passed the examination qualifying them for promotion to Class II., Grade II.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, November 22, 1916.

By His Excellency's command,
R. E. STUBBS,
Colonial Secretary.

"THE CEMETERIES AND BURIALS ORDINANCE, 1899."

WHEREAS it is provided by section 11 of "The Cemeteries and Burials Ordinance, 1899," that every cemetery and every portion of a cemetery set apart as a ground for cremation shall be enclosed by the proper authority with substantial walls or iron railings of the height of six feet at least:

And whereas it is further provided by the said section that the Governor may exempt either wholly or in any part any cemetery from the operation of the said section:

It is hereby notified that His Excellency the Governor, in exercise of the powers vested in him as aforesaid, has been pleased to exempt wholly from the operation of the said section the general cemetery established in the Sanitary Board town of Dodanduwa, in the Wellaboda pattu of the Southern Province, by Proclamation dated November 17, 1916.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, November 18, 1916.

By His Excellency's command,
R. E. STUBBS,
Colonial Secretary.

"THE VILLAGE COMMUNITIES ORDINANCE, 1889."

IT is hereby notified that His Excellency the Governor, in exercise of the powers vested in him by section 50 of "The Village Communities Ordinance, 1889," and with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to further amend amended rule No. 17, published in *Government Gazette* No. 6,255 of August 14, 1908, with respect to the procedure in civil cases to be observed by Village Tribunals, and to amend rule No. 9 of the rules published in *Government Gazette* No. 6,138 of August 24, 1906, with respect to the procedure in criminal cases, in the manner hereinafter appearing.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, November 16, 1916.

By His Excellency's command,
R. E. STUBBS,
Colonial Secretary.

RULES REFERRED TO.

Civil Procedure.

Rule 17.—If the litigant parties are unwilling to be brought to an amicable settlement, the court shall proceed to hear evidence and to determine the case. At the trial of a case, after the councillors have been sworn, the order of the procedure should be—

- (1) Framing of issues.
- (2) Evidence of plaintiff on oath or affirmation.
- (3) Evidence of plaintiff's witnesses on oath or affirmation.
(Close of plaintiff's case.)
- (4) Evidence of defendant on oath or affirmation.
- (5) Evidence of defendant's witnesses on oath or affirmation.
(Close of defendant's case.)
- (6) Opinion of councillors.
- (7) Judgment.

Issues.—The President shall state in the form of questions the principal points of disputes between the parties, upon the determination of which the right decision of the case appears to him to depend.

For this purpose the President may, besides examining the statement of claim and the answer of the defendant put such further questions to them or either of them with a view to ascertaining the real points at which the parties are at variance as may appear to him necessary.

If the burden of proof is clearly on the defendant (for example, if he admits making a promissory note, borrowing money, or purchasing goods from the plaintiff, but pleads payment) the above order of hearing the parties may be reversed, and the defendant may be required to give evidence and to call his witnesses before the plaintiff's case is heard.

Each party may cross-examine the adverse party and witnesses, and may examine and re-examine his own witnesses.

If there are more defendants than one, each defendant should give evidence, call his witnesses, and close his case separately.

The President may, if he considers necessary, recall a plaintiff, defendant, or witness for further examination or cross-examination, or call as a witness any person who is not named by the parties.

If either party does not elect to give evidence or to call witnesses, a note should be made in the record that the opportunity was given but not accepted.

When a party states that he is not ready for trial and asks for a postponement, which is refused, the court shall proceed to try the case, following the procedure hereinbefore prescribed.

Provided that if the President or Councillors shall deem it advisable or necessary that the land or thing in dispute be inspected by the President or Tribunal, the President may defer the hearing or the final decision of the case until such inspection has been made.

Criminal Procedure.

Rule 9.—When the defendant appears, the President or Chairman shall state the charge to him, and shall at the same time make a clear record of that fact, stating the number of the section or of the rule under which such charge was made, and in the event of his pleading guilty the President shall forthwith pass sentence upon him. If the defendant pleads not guilty, the President or Chairman shall record his statement and the names of his witnesses, if any, and shall issue subpoenas to such witnesses as may be necessary.

At the trial of a case, after the councillors have been sworn, the order of procedure should be—

- (1) Evidence of complainant on oath or affirmation.
- (2) Evidence of complainant's witnesses on oath or affirmation.
(Close of complainant's case.)
- (3) Evidence of defendant on oath or affirmation.
- (4) Evidence of defendant's witnesses on oath or affirmation.
(Close of defendant's case.)
- (5) Opinion of councillors.
- (6) Judgment.

Each party may cross-examine the adverse party and witnesses, and may examine and re-examine his own witnesses.

The President may, if he considers necessary, recall the complainant or any of his witnesses for further examination or cross-examination, or call as a witness any person who is not named by the parties.

If the accused elects to give evidence himself or to call witnesses in his defence, the President may similarly recall him or his witnesses for further examination or cross-examination.

For the purpose of enabling an accused person to explain any circumstance appearing in the evidence against him, the President may invite his attention thereto, and may at any stage of the proceedings put him such questions for the purpose aforesaid as he may think necessary, but the accused shall not be compelled to make any statement or to answer any such question.

The President shall, however, record any statement or answer which the defendant may make when so addressed.

“ THE VILLAGE COMMUNITIES ORDINANCE, 1889.”

IT is hereby notified for general information (a) that His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to set apart the lot of land described in the schedule hereto annexed, which is the property of the Crown, for a common purpose, to wit, that the inhabitants of the village Minhettigama, in the Kandu tulana of the Kadawat korale of the Nuwaragam palata of the Anuradhapura District, in the North-Central Province, may practise chena cultivation within the said lot on free permits issued by the Government Agent of the North-Central Province, in accordance with rules made under the provisions of sections 6 and 16 of Ordinance No. 24 of 1889; and (b) that His Excellency the Governor reserves to himself the right to resume absolute possession on behalf of the Crown of the said lot or of any portion thereof whenever he thinks fit.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, November 21, 1916.

By His Excellency's command,

R. E. STUBBS,
Colonial Secretary.

SCHEDULE REFERRED TO.

The following lot situated in the village Minhettigama, in the Kandu tulana of the Kadawat korale of the Nuwaragam palata of the Anuradhapura District, in the North-Central Province :—

Lot.	Preliminary plan 639. Name of Land.	Extent.
		A. R. P.
3A	Kuritiyahena	174 0 18

“ THE VILLAGE COMMUNITIES ORDINANCE, 1889.”

IT is hereby notified that His Excellency the Governor, in exercise of the powers vested in him by section 7 of the above-mentioned Ordinance, and with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to approve of the following rule set forth in Schedule A hereto, which has been made, under the provisions of section 6 (8) of the said Ordinance, by the Village Committees duly elected by the inhabitants of the subdivisions set forth in the Schedule B below in the Chief Headman's Divisions of Mannar Island, Mantai, and Musalai, of the Mannar District, in the Northern Province, and the same is published for general information.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, November 21, 1916.

By His Excellency's command,

R. E. STUBBS,
Colonial Secretary.

SCHEDULE A.

Clearing Throat. (Section 6, Sub-section (8).)

43 (d). No person shall clear his throat or expectorate within the precincts of any Village Committee court-house.

SCHEDULE B.

Chief Headmen's Division.	Subdivisions.	Chief Headmen's Division.	Subdivisions.
Mannar Island..	Mannar East Mannar West	Musali	Nanaddan West Nanaddan East Musali South Musali North
Mantai	Mantai North Mantai South Perunkalippattu Iluppaikkadavai Panankamam Metkumulai		

" THE EXCISE ORDINANCE, NO. 8 OF 1912."

IT is hereby notified that, in accordance with rule 1 of Chapter IV. of the rules made under "The Excise Ordinance, No. 8 of 1912," and published in the Excise Notification No. 9, dated May 16, 1913, as amended by Excise Notification No. 57, dated November 17, 1916, published in the *Gazette* of the same date, His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to determine that the appointment of the Advisory Committees, shown in the schedule hereto annexed, shall take effect for the period ending September 30, 1917.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, November 23, 1916.

By His Excellency's command,
R. E. STUBBS,
Colonial Secretary.

ADVISORY COMMITTEES FOR 1916-17.

WESTERN PROVINCE.

For the Colombo Municipal Area.

The Government Agent, Western Province, (Chairman).
The Chairman, Municipal Council, Colombo.
The Superintendent of Police, Colombo.
Mr. C. P. Dias (nominated by the Municipal Council).
Mr. W. Philips (nominated by the Chamber of Commerce).
Mr. P. D. Mack, J.P. } (nominated by the Governor).
Rev. F. L. Beven }

For the Negombo Local Board Area.

The Chairman, Local Board (Chairman).
Mr. C. Herft, District Engineer (nominated by the Governor).
Mr. J. E. de Zoysa (nominated by the Local Board).
Mr. W. M. Rajapakse } (nominated by the Governor).
Mr. E. F. Edirisinghe }

For the Moratuwa Local Board Area.

The Chairman, Local Board (Chairman).
Mr. D. E. Wijeyasekara, Mudaliyar (nominated by the Governor).
Mr. G. M. Silva (nominated by the Local Board).
Mr. J. Matthias de Mel } (nominated by the Governor).
Mr. J. G. C. Mendis, J.P. }

For the Minuwangoda Local Board Area.

The Chairman, Local Board (Chairman).
Mr. A. L. Mills, Medical Officer (nominated by the Governor).
Mr. D. M. P. R. Senanayaka (nominated by the Local Board).
Mr. T. S. Gunawardana } (nominated by the Governor).
Mr. J. E. Senewiratne }

For the Kalutara Local Board Area.

The Chairman, Local Board (Chairman).
Mr. P. N. Banks, Assistant Superintendent of Police (nominated by the Governor).
Mr. J. Aloysius Fernando (nominated by the Local Board).
Mr. Arthur de Abrew } (nominated by the Governor).
Mr. D. B. K. Gunatilaka, }
Muhandiram }

For the Colombo Revenue District Area.

The Government Agent, Western Province (Chairman).
Mr. S. E. Perera, Mudaliyar } (nominated by the Governor).
Mr. L. A. Dassanaika, Mudaliyar }
Dr. H. M. Fernando (nominated by the Low-country Products Association of Ceylon).
Dr. David Rockwood (nominated by the Governor).
Mr. J. F. Elford (nominated by the Ceylon Planters' Association).
Mr. W. P. D. Vanderstraaten (nominated by the Governor).

For the Negombo Revenue District Area.

The Government Agent, Western Province (Chairman).
Mr. C. H. A. Samarakody, Mudaliyar (nominated by the Governor).
Mr. F. Dias Bandaranayaka (nominated by the Low-country Products Association of Ceylon).
Mr. S. C. Sansoni, J.P., U.P.M. } (nominated by the Governor).
Mr. Arthur de Silva }

For the Kalutara Revenue District Area.

The Assistant Government Agent (Chairman).
Mr. P. N. Banks, Assistant Superintendent of Police } (nominated by the Governor).
Mr. J. A. Wirasinghe, J.P., }
U.P.M., Mudaliyar }
Mr. G. Thornton Pett, J.P., U.P.M. (nominated by the Ceylon Planters' Association).
Mr. Clement P. Wijeratne, J.P., U.P.M. (nominated by the Low-country Products Association of Ceylon).
Mr. P. A. Gooneratne } (nominated by the Governor).
Mr. W. G. Dickinson }

CENTRAL PROVINCE.

For the Kandy Municipal Area.

The Government Agent, Central Province (Chairman).
The Superintendent of Police, Central Province.
Mr. C. A. La Brooy (nominated by the Municipal Council).
Mr. Edwin Beven } (nominated by the Governor).
The Hon. Mr. C. van derWall }

For the Matale Local Board Area.

The Chairman, Local Board (Chairman).
The Medical Officer, Matale (nominated by the Governor).
Mr. H. D. Weerasekara (nominated by the Local Board).
Mr. C. Ariya Nayagam } (nominated by the Governor).
Mr. L. de S. Jayasekara }

For the Nuwara Eliya Board of Improvement Area.

The Chairman, Board of Improvement (Chairman).
The District Medical Officer, Nuwara Eliya (nominated by the Governor).
Mr. G. H. Masefield (nominated by the Board of Improvement).
Mr. S. L. Robertson } (nominated by the Governor).
Dr. V. Mutumanni }

For the Gampola Local Board Area.

The Chairman, Local Board (Chairman).
The Medical Officer, Gampola (nominated by the Governor).
Mr. E. G. Jonklaas (nominated by the Local Board).
Mr. A. V. van Langenberg } (nominated by the Governor).
Mr. H. J. G. Marley }

For the Nawalapitiya Local Board Area.

The Chairman, Local Board (Chairman).
The Medical Officer, Nawalapitiya (nominated by the Governor).
Mr. H. O. Lebbe (nominated by the Local Board).
Mr. J. A. F. Atapattu } (nominated by the Governor).
Mr. M. S. Milne }

For the Hatton-Dikoya Local Board Area.

The Chairman, Local Board (Chairman).
The Medical Officer, Dikoya (nominated by the Governor).
Rev. A. S. Beaty (nominated by the Local Board).
Mr. T. C. van Rooyen } (nominated by the Governor).
Mr. L. C. Maudslay }

For the Kandy District Area.

The Government Agent, Central Province (Chairman).
The Superintendent of Police, Central Province } (nominated by the Governor).
Chief Interpreter, Kandy }
Kachcheri }
Mr. Martin M. Smith (nominated by the Ceylon Planters' Association).
Mr. F. R. Senanayake (nominated by the Low-country Products Association of Ceylon).
Rev. A. M. Walmsley } (nominated by the Governor).
Mr. A. C. G. Wijekoon }

For the Matale Revenue District Area.

The Assistant Government Agent (Chairman).
 The Ratemahatmaya, Matale South (nominated by the Governor).
 Mr. H. Storey (nominated by the Ceylon Planters' Association).
 Mr. Daniel Joseph, J.P. } (nominated by the Governor).
 Mr. C. C. Barber }

For the Nuwara Eliya Revenue District Area.

The Assistant Government Agent (Chairman).
 Mr. E. F. Edirisinghe, Kachcheri and Gravets Mudaliyar (nominated by the Governor).
 Mr. A. J. Hamilton Harding (nominated by the Ceylon Planters' Association).
 Mr. N. G. Campbell } (nominated by the Governor).
 Mr. E. H. Mellor }

SOUTHERN PROVINCE.

For the Galle Municipal Area.

The Government Agent, Southern Province (Chairman).
 The Superintendent of Police, Southern Province.
 Mr. D. W. Subasinghe (nominated by the Municipal Council).
 Rev. Father J. Cooreman } (nominated by the Governor).
 Mr. J. E. Perera }

For the Matara Local Board Area.

The Chairman, Local Board (Chairman).
 The Superintendent of Police (nominated by the Governor).
 Mr. D. Samaraweera (nominated by the Local Board).
 Mr. O. L. de Kretser } (nominated by the Governor).
 Dr. V. D. Gunaratna }

For the Galle Revenue District Area.

The Government Agent, Southern Province (Chairman).
 The Provincial Surgeon, Southern Province } (nominated by the Governor).
 The Superintendent of Police, Southern Province }
 Mr. A. W. Winter (nominated by the Ceylon Planters' Association).
 Mr. G. R. de Zoysa (nominated by the Low-country Products Association of Ceylon).
 Mr. J. A. Sirimane } (nominated by the Governor).
 Mr. Bennet Abeysundera }

For the Matara Revenue District Area.

The Assistant Government Agent (Chairman).
 The District Judge } (nominated by the Governor).
 The Superintendent of Police }
 Mr. E. J. Buultjens (nominated by the Low-country Products Association of Ceylon).
 Mr. M. S. Furlong (nominated by the Ceylon Planters' Association).
 Mr. D. M. Rajapaksa } (nominated by the Governor).
 Mr. J. W. R. Illangakoon }

For the Hambantota Revenue District Area.

The Assistant Government Agent (Chairman).
 Mr. Harry Jayawardene, Mudaliyar } (nominated by the Governor).
 Mr. H. A. Dahanayaka }
 Mr. A. de S. Wickremasinghe }
 Mr. B. T. A. Cassim }

NORTHERN PROVINCE.

For the Jaffna Local Board Area.

The Chairman, Local Board (Chairman).
 The Provincial Surgeon, Northern Province (nominated by the Governor).
 Mr. A. Kathiravelu (nominated by the Local Board).
 Mr. R. R. Nalliah } (nominated by the Governor).
 Mr. K. Somasunderam }

For the Jaffna Revenue District Area.

The Government Agent, Northern Province (Chairman).
 The Provincial Surgeon, Northern Province } (nominated by the Governor).
 Mr. N. Selvadurai }
 Mr. W. Mudliar Muttuwellapillai }
 Mr. C. M. Sinniah, Mudaliyar, Governor's Gate }

For the Mannar Revenue District Area.

The Assistant Government Agent (Chairman).
 The Medical Officer, Mannar } (nominated by the Governor).
 Rev. J. W. Garforth }
 Mr. S. N. Ananthan, J.P., U.P.M. }
 Rev. Father O. Dourat, O.M.I. }

For the Mullaitivu Revenue District Area.

The Assistant Government Agent (Chairman).
 The President, Village Tribunal, Vavuniya } (nominated by the Governor).
 Rev. Father J. Alphonsus, O.M.I. }
 Mr. T. M. Sabaratnam }
 Mr. C. Chelliah, Mudaliyar }

EASTERN PROVINCE.

For the Batticaloa Local Board Area.

The Chairman, Local Board (Chairman).
 The Provincial Surgeon, Eastern Province (nominated by the Governor).
 Mr. S. F. Nagapper, J.P., U.P.M. (nominated by the Local Board).
 Mr. E. R. Tambimuttu } (nominated by the Governor).
 Rev. Father F. Bonnell, S.J. }

For the Batticaloa Revenue District Area.

The Government Agent, Eastern Province (Chairman).
 The Provincial Surgeon, Eastern Province } (nominated by the Governor).
 Mr. M. C. Abdul Cader }
 Mr. C. Muttiah, J.P. }
 Mr. Stanley Green, J.P., U.P.M. }

For the Trincomalee Local Board Area.

The Chairman, Local Board (Chairman).
 Mr. J. A. Balfour, Director of Irrigation (nominated by the Governor).
 Mr. S. Viswalingam (nominated by the Local Board).
 Mr. M. M. Subramaniam } (nominated by the Governor).
 Mr. T. Muttucumaroo }

For the Trincomalee Revenue District Area.

The Assistant Government Agent (Chairman).
 Mr. J. A. Balfour, Director of Irrigation } (nominated by the Governor).
 Mr. A. Alvarpillai }
 Mr. S. E. Abdul Rasool }
 Mr. N. Swaminathapillai }

NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCE.

For the Kurunegala Local Board Area.

The Chairman, Local Board (Chairman).
 The Assistant Superintendent of Police, Kurunegala (nominated by the Governor).
 Mr. F. N. Daniels (nominated by the Local Board).
 Mr. A. S. Goonewardena } (nominated by the Governor).
 Mr. E. G. Goonewardena }

For the Puttalam Local Board Area.

The Chairman, Local Board (Chairman).
 Mr. R. H. W. Abayasekara, Kachcheri Mudaliyar (nominated by the Governor).
 Mr. Wilfred A. Muttukumara (nominated by the Local Board).
 Rev. Father Bougarel, O.M.I. } (nominated by the Governor).
 Mr. W. S. Strong }

For the Chilaw Local Board Area.

The Chairman, Local Board (Chairman).
 Mr. J. E. Corea, Mudaliyar (nominated by the Governor).
 Mr. C. E. Corea (nominated by the Local Board).
 Mr. C. V. M. Panditasakera } (nominated by the Governor).
 Mr. E. C. Shelton Storer } nor.

For the Kurunegala Revenue District Area.

The Government Agent, North-Western Province (Chairman).
 The Assistant Superintendent of } (nominated by the
 Police, Kurunegala } Governor).
 The District Engineer, Kurunegala }
 Mr. T. Y. Wright (nominated by the Ceylon Planters' Association).
 Mr. H. L. de Mel (nominated by the Low-country Products Association of Ceylon).
 Mr. A. S. Goonewardena } (nominated by the
 The Hon. Mr. T. B. L. Moonemalle } Governor).

For the Puttalam Revenue District Area.

The Assistant Government Agent (Chairman).
 Mr. G. K. Swaminathan, Mudaliyar, Kalpitiya (nominated by the Governor).
 Mr. N. J. Martin (nominated by the Low-country Products Association of Ceylon).
 Mr. A. E. Abeyakoon } (nominated by the Governor).
 Mr. I. A. de Rosairo }

For the Chilaw Revenue District Area.

The Assistant Government Agent (Chairman).
 Mr. J. E. Corea, Mudaliyar, Pitigal } (nominated by
 korale north } the Governor).
 Mr. C. G. de Alwis, Mudaliyar, Pitigal }
 korale south }
 Mr. V. J. Cook (nominated by the Ceylon Planters' Association).
 Mr. C. E. Corea (nominated by the Low-country Products Association of Ceylon).
 Mr. H. Ranasinha } (nominated by the Governor).
 Mr. T. M. Fernando }

NORTH-CENTRAL PROVINCE.

For the Anuradhapura Local Board Area.

The Chairman, Local Board (Chairman).
 The Provincial Engineer, North-Central Province (nominated by the Governor).
 Mr. S. Sittampalam (nominated by the Local Board).
 Mr. V. Ramaswamy } (nominated by the Governor).
 Mr. G. H. R. Jayamanne }

For the Anuradhapura Revenue District Area.

The Government Agent, North-Central Province (Chairman).
 The Provincial Engineer, North-Central Province } (nominated by the
 } Governor).
 Mr. S. D. Krisnaratna }
 Mr. V. Ramaswamy }
 Rev. Father C. A. Bourry, O.M.I. }

PROVINCE OF UVA.

For the Badulla Local Board Area.

The Chairman, Local Board (Chairman).
 The Provincial Surgeon, Province of Uva (nominated by the Governor).
 Mr. D. H. Kotalawala (nominated by the Local Board).
 Rev. W. O. Bevan } (nominated by the Governor).
 Mudaliyar A. I. Jainudeen }

For the Bandarawela Local Board Area.

The Chairman, Local Board (Chairman).
 The Provincial Surgeon, Province of Uva (nominated by the Governor).
 Mr. M. J. Peiris (nominated by the Local Board).
 Dr. P. M. Muthukumaru } (nominated by the Governor).
 Mr. A. E. Maddock }

For the Badulla Revenue District Area.

The Government Agent, Province of Uva (Chairman).
 The Provincial Surgeon, Province of Uva (nominated by the Governor).
 Mr. Reginald Gatehouse (nominated by the Ceylon Planters' Association).
 Rev. W. O. Bevan } (nominated by the Governor).
 Mudaliyar A. I. Jainudeen }

PROVINCE OF SABARAGAMUWA.

For the Ratnapura Local Board Area.

The Chairman, Local Board (Chairman).
 The District Judge, Ratnapura (nominated by the Governor).
 Mr. C. Ellawala (nominated by the Local Board).
 Mr. E. S. Dassanayake } (nominated by the Governor).
 Mr. E. L. de Silva }

For the Kegalla Local Board Area.

The Chairman, Local Board (Chairman).
 The Assistant Superintendent of Police (nominated by the Governor).
 Mr. G. S. Suraweera (nominated by the Local Board).
 Mr. A. A. Wickremasinghe } (nominated by the Governor).
 Mr. J. R. Molligoda }

For the Ratnapura Revenue District Area.

The Government Agent, Province of Sabaragamuwa (Chairman).
 Mr. C. R. P. Jayawardena, Kachcheri } (nominated by
 Mudaliyar } the Governor).
 Mr. H. A. Goonesekera, Ratemahatmaya }
 Mr. E. E. Megget (nominated by the Ceylon Planters' Association).
 Mr. C. Dharmaratna (nominated by the Low-country Products Association of Ceylon).
 Mr. D. E. Jayatileke } (nominated by the Governor).
 Mr. E. C. Villiers }

For Kegalla Revenue District Area.

The Assistant Government Agent (Chairman).
 Mr. J. H. Meedeniya, Dissawa } (nominated by the
 The Assistant Superintendent of } Governor).
 Police }
 Mr. J. W. Brown (nominated by the Ceylon Planters' Association).
 Mr. D. S. J. Senanayaka (nominated by the Low-country Products Association of Ceylon).
 Mr. A. F. Molamure } (nominated by the Governor).
 Mr. J. R. Molligoda }

MISCELLANEOUS DEPARTMENTAL NOTICES.

CEYLON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Examinations for Commercial Certificates.

WITH the object of fixing a standard for Commercial Education in Ceylon, the Chamber of Commerce will, in conjunction with the Department of Education, hold annual examinations, on the results of which certificates will be awarded to the successful candidates. A register of successful candidates will be kept by the Chamber of Commerce, and the Chamber will interest itself in assisting them to obtain suitable employment.

2. Candidates for these examinations must conform to the following regulations :—(a) They must be not under fourteen and not over twenty-one years of age on the last day of the month immediately preceding that fixed for the examination ; (b) they must for eight months preceding the date of examination have been attending the Commercial Class of a school which has previously satisfied the Director of Education as providing suitable instruction in commercial subjects.

3. The next examination will be held on Monday, July 2, 1917, and the subjects will be as follows :—

<i>Compulsory Subjects.</i>	<i>Optional Subjects.</i>
(1) Handwriting, Orthography, and Dictation.	(7) Shorthand.
(2) Reading.	(8) Typewriting.
(3) English Composition.	(9) Office Routine.
(4) Arithmetic.	(10) Bookkeeping.
(5) Ordinary Commercial Terms.	(11) Commercial Geography.
(6) Précis and Indexing.	(12) Shipping.

In order to obtain a certificate, candidates must satisfy the examiners in all the compulsory subjects and in two of the six subjects (7) to (12) ; they may offer all the twelve subjects. Each subject in which a candidate passes will be noted on his certificate.

The Principals of schools recognized for the purposes of this examination should send in to the Director of Education not later than June 1, 1917, lists of candidates from their schools, stating the optional subjects offered by each candidate.

4. The approximate range of the various subjects and the standards of knowledge required in each are as follows :—

Handwriting, Orthography, and Dictation.—In handwriting the chief requirements are legibility of writing and uniformity of size and slope. Writing should not be angular or floresque, and must not slope backwards.

The handwriting of the candidates will be tested in general by their writing in the various papers, and in particular by special tests, such as addressing envelopes, copying a draft letter, or writing from dictation. The spelling of the candidates will be judged from their general work and from a special test involving words of ordinary difficulty. In dictation the chief requirements are accuracy, correct spelling, and correct punctuation.

Reading.—The essentials in reading are clear and distinct enunciation of each word, observation of necessary pauses, and intelligent emphasis. Questions will be put on the meaning of the passage read.

English Composition.—Candidates will be tested in the following ways :—(a) Writing a letter on a given business subject, the headings of which will be supplied ; (b) re-writing in proper form and in correct phraseology a badly drafted letter ; (c) correcting faulty or incorrect sentences. In this paper special attention will be paid to English grammar and idiom.

Arithmetic.—Tots, simple and compound, long and cross. Weights and Measures. Vulgar Fractions and Decimals. Proportion, simple and compound. Practice, simple and compound. Interest, simple and compound. Percentages. Exchange. Special attention should be paid to methods of working and setting out work.

Commercial Terms and Abbreviations.—A good knowledge of the terms and abbreviations ordinarily used in business. [Lists of such terms and abbreviations may be found in almost any Manual of Commercial Correspondence, such as Pitman's or Routledge's.]

Précis and Indexing.—Candidates will be required to make both a précis and an index of a series of business letters, all relating to the same subject.

The object of a *précis* is to present in a consecutive narrative all the principal points of the correspondence, leaving out all unimportant details, and making the narrative as concise as possible, without sacrificing completeness and lucidity.

The object of an *index* is to present in separate sections, chronologically arranged, a brief *resumé* of each letter, giving number, date, name of writer, and substance of each letter in separate columns, so as to enable the particulars of any of the letters to be obtained without turning up the original document.

Shorthand.—Pitman's system as set out in the Manual and Reporter. Writing in shorthand from dictation at the rate of sixty words per minute. Transcribing accurately from shorthand into longhand at the rate of ten words per minute. Marks will be awarded for good shorthand outlines.

Typewriting.—Typing from manuscript copy, and setting out in proper form draft letters, tabular statements, or other commercial documents. Special attention must be paid to accuracy, correct spelling, proper punctuation, and paragraphing. Any candidate desiring to use his own machine may do so.

Office Routine.—Good knowledge of the methods in which business transactions should be entered up and treated. Use of ordinary office forms, such as invoices, order forms, despatch notes, forward notes, debit notes, credit notes, statements of account, account sales, accounts current, and similar forms. Use of documents, such as receipt forms, vouchers, cheques, paying-in slips, bankers' drafts, bills of exchange, foreign bills, money orders, postal orders, I. O. U's. Treatment of correspondence, inward and outward. Letter register. Indexing, docketing, filing (various systems). Range of knowledge similar to that set out in Hooper and Graham's Business Manual or Blackie's Office Routine.

Bookkeeping.—Sound knowledge of the practice of modern bookkeeping by double entry. The system to be employed is that commonly known as the English system, in which the following subdivisions of books are employed :—Cash book, invoice book, day book, bought ledger, sales ledger, private ledger, bills receivable and bills payable books. Treatment by above system of discounts, interest, loans, mortgages, rents, dividends, bad debts, depreciation, plant fixtures, machinery, property, wages, salaries, consignment and commission accounts, joint accounts, partnership accounts, fixed and floating assets, trading and profit and loss accounts, profit appropriation accounts, and balance sheets.

Commercial Geography.—General knowledge of Asia and Australia, paying special attention to their products, trade, and commerce. Special knowledge of India and Ceylon in regard to their products, commerce, lines of communication, and trade routes with other countries. Special attention must be paid to the produce areas and particular trade centres, also to the rivers and railways of Ceylon and India.

Shipping.—A good knowledge of the more important steamship lines trading with Ceylon. Knowledge of procedure adopted in shipping various kinds of articles, such as live stock, goods, explosives, &c., import and export. Knowledge of Customs procedure and use of documents, such as advice note, mate's receipt, insurance slip, bill of lading, Customs specification, certificate of origin, delivery order. Customs entry form, landing order, warehousing form, bill of sight, weight note, manifest, and similar forms. Range of knowledge such as that set out in Hooper and Graham's Manual of Import and Export Trade.

Prices of Food Stuffs, &c., in Colombo on
November 22, 1916.

		Rs. o.
Muttusamba, No. 1 quality	Per bushel	6 25
Kara Rice	do.	—
Kallunda, No. 1 quality	Per bag (2½ bushels)	11 75
Singapore, No. 1 do.	do.	12 88
Kora (Mill) No. 1 do.	do.	12 25
Raw Rice, Rangoon	Per bushel	4 56
Do. Singapore	do.	4 25
Mysore Dholl	do.	5 75
Green Peas (Gram)	do.	5 0
Thovarem Dholl	do.	4 50
Chillies, No. 1 quality	Per thulan (26½ lb.)	5 25
Do. Rangoon	do.	—
Red Onions	do.	1 36
Bombay Onions	Per cwt.	15 0
Potatoes, Indian (Round)	do.	12 0
Do. do. (Kidney)	do.	10 50
Maldive Fish, No. 1 quality	do.	63 0
Sugar, Crystal	Per bag (2 cwt.)	50 0
Soft Sugar	Per cwt.	22 50
Matches, "Three Stars"	Per case of 50 gross boxes	140 0
Kerosine Oil, "Monkey Brand"	Per tin	4 35
Kerosine Oil, "Daylight"	do.	4 50
Coriander	Per lb.	0 16
Beef	do.	0 30*
Mutton	do.	0 55*
Chicken	Each	0 50*
Fish, Fresh (Seer)	Per lb.	0 70*
Do. (Common)	do.	0 31*
Dry Fish (Kumbalawas), No. 1 quality	Per 900	11 0
Do. (Halmessan), No. 1 quality	Per cwt.	24 0
Eggs	Each	0 4½*
Milk, Fresh, Cow	Per pint	0 25*
Bread	Per lb.	0 16*
Plantains	Each	0 1*
Limes	Per 100	1 25
Salt	Per bushel	2 70

* Retail prices.

		Rs. c.
Coconuts	Per 100	5 50
Firewood	Per cwt.	1 0

C. W. BICKMORE,
Acting Financial Assistant to the
Chairman, Municipal Council.

November 22, 1916.

THE following produce of the Experiment Station, Peradeniya, will be sold by public auction on Thursday, November 30, 1916, at 10 A.M., on the spot:—

- (1) Coconuts.
 - (2) Pepper.
 - (3) Paddy.
 - (4) Crop of cinnamon from date of sale to September 30, 1917.
 - (5) Crop of arecanuts from date of sale to September 30, 1917.
2. The cutting, peeling, curing, and removal of the cinnamon shall be at the expense and risk of the contractor.
3. The collecting, curing, and removal of the arecanuts shall be at the expense and risk of the contractor.
4. A deposit of Rs. 50 for coconuts, cinnamon, and arecanuts, and Rs. 10 for other produce, will be required to be made with the Acting Manager of the Experiment Station by the purchasers for each of the articles purchased. Should any person fail to remove the coconuts on or before December 20, 1916, and the other produce, with the exception of arecanuts and cinnamon, within seven days, inclusive of the date of purchase, such deposit will be forfeited to the Crown. All other deposits will be returned when the articles purchased have been removed.
5. Payment for the entire crops of cinnamon and arecanuts must be made within three days, inclusive of the date of purchase. Should the purchaser fail to do this, his deposit will be forfeited to the Crown. Payment must be made before delivery of the other produce, which can be seen by intending purchasers at the store of the Experiment Station, Peradeniya, where they will be delivered.
6. Cash security in Rs. 20 will be required for the due fulfilment of each of the contracts of cinnamon and arecanuts.
7. The Government reserves to itself the right, without question, of accepting or rejecting the highest offer.

Experiment Station, H. A. DEUTROM,
Peradeniya, November 15, 1916. Acting Manager.

Abstract of Cooly Labourers on Estates in the several Provinces during the Quarter ended September 30, 1916.

District.	Number of Estates.	Number of Males.	Number of Immigrants. Females.	Total.	Births.	Deaths.
<i>Western Province.</i>						
Colombo	60	5,842	4,513	10,355	122	90
Kalutara	135	20,503	16,059	36,562	389	250
<i>Central Province.</i>						
Kandy	618	71,329	70,106	141,435	1,773	1,146
Matale	137	15,696	13,621	29,317	296	314
Nuwara Eliya	231	45,757	46,302	92,059	1,252	794
<i>Southern Province.</i>						
Galle	45	4,245	3,051	7,296	70	58
Matara	32	2,435	1,745	4,180	43	34
Hambantota	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>North-Western Province.</i>						
Kurunegala	104	4,150	2,706	6,856	72	76
Puttalam	15	131	57	188	1	—
Chilaw	44	581	380	961	9	16
<i>Province of Uva.</i>						
Badulla	216	36,511	33,644	70,155	834	519
<i>Province of Sabaragamuwa.</i>						
Ratnapura	121	21,348	18,249	39,597	410	352
Kegalla	201	33,137	29,629	62,766	719	420

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, November 23, 1916.

R. E. STUBBS,
Colonial Secretary.

NOTICE is hereby given that applications have been received for grants in aid of the following schools :—

- D. A. Wickramasekera .. Mahamodera Girls' Vernacular School, which is situated within the Municipality of Galle, Southern Province.
 G. L. Martholis Appuhamy .. Daigala Boys' Vernacular School, which is situated in Atulugan korale in Three Korales of the Province of Sabaragamuwa.

Observations will be received not later than December 18, 1916.

- V. Velauthampillai .. Elagamam Vernacular Mixed School, which is situated in Karanavai, Vadammaradchi West, Jaffna District, of the Northern Province.

- The Colombo Buddhist Theosophical Society .. Bandarawela Vernacular Boys' School, which is attached to the Bandarawela Boys' English School, under clause 32 (b) of the Code for 1916.

Observations will be received not later than December 24, 1916.

Education Office,
Colombo, November 21, 1916.

E. B. DENHAM,
Director of Education.

NOTICES CALLING FOR TENDERS.

TENDERS are hereby invited for loading and unloading of goods at Watagoda Goods Shed from persons willing to contract for this service from date of acceptance of tender for a period of one, two, or three years.

2. All tenders should be in duplicate and sealed under one cover, and should be addressed to the Chairman of the Tender Board, Office of the Controller of Revenue, Colombo.

3. Tenders should either be deposited in the tender box in the Office of the Controller of Revenue, or be sent through the post.

4. Tenders should be marked "Tender for Loading and Unloading of Goods at Watagoda Goods Shed" in the left hand corner of the envelope, and should reach the Office of the Controller of Revenue not later than midday on Tuesday, December 12, 1916.

5. The tenders are to be made upon forms which will be supplied upon application at the Office of the General Manager of the Railway, and no tender will be considered unless it is on the recognized form.

6. A deposit of Rs. 50 will be required to be made either at the Treasury or Kachcheri, and a receipt produced for the same before any form of tender is issued. Should any person decline to enter into the contract and bond, or fail to furnish approved security, within ten days of receiving notice in writing from the Head of the Department, or his duly authorized representative, that his tender has been accepted, such deposit will be forfeited to the Crown, and the defaulter will render himself liable to be included in the list of defaulting contractors precluded from having any concern in a Government contract. All other deposits will be returned upon signature of a contract.

7. The tender must be accompanied by a letter signed by two responsible persons, whose addresses must be given, engaging to become security for the due fulfilment of the contract.

8. Sufficient sureties will be required to join in a bond for the due fulfilment of the contract. The amount of security required will be Rs. 150.

9. The security should be furnished within ten days of acceptance of tender being notified.

10. All alterations or erasures in tenders should bear the initials of the tenderers, otherwise the tenders will be treated as informal and rejected.

11. No tender will be considered unless in respect of it all the conditions above laid down have been strictly fulfilled. Any offers received containing conditions outside the specification will be rejected without question.

12. Fines will be inflicted for delays in complying with orders.

13. The Government reserves to itself the right, without question, of rejecting any or all tenders, and the right of accepting any portion of a tender.

14. Before tender forms are supplied to persons wishing to tender, they will have to satisfy the General Manager or person delegated by him that they are in a position to execute the contract in a satisfactory manner, and for this purpose they must be prepared to produce documentary or other evidence if called for.

15. Contracts may not be assigned or sublet without the authority of the Tender Board.

16. A Government contractor must not issue a power of attorney to a person whose name is in the defaulting contractors' list authorizing him to carry on the contract.

General Manager's Office, G. P. GREENE,
Colombo, November 22, 1916. General Manager.

TENDERS are hereby invited for the conveyance of mails for two years from January 1, 1917, between Kandy Post Office and Teldeniya Post Office by motor conveyance as under :—

(a) Once daily each way.

(b) Twice daily each way.

2. Separate tenders are invited for services (a) and (b).

3. The nature of the motor conveyance proposed should be stated, i.e., lorry, van, coach, car, or motor cycle and side car.

4. The hours of arrival and departure of the conveyances to be fixed from time to time by the Postmaster-General.

5. The contractor will be required to provide such number of conveyances as will, in the opinion of the Postmaster-General, be necessary for the services, and every such conveyance, before being employed in the service, will be subject to the approval of the Postmaster-General.

6. The contractor will be required to provide extra conveyances at all times when necessary to meet the exigencies of the mail service without any charge.

7. Tenders should be in duplicate and sealed under one cover, and should be addressed to the Postmaster-General. Tenders should either be deposited in the tender box in the Office of the Postmaster-General, or be sent to him through the post.

8. Tenders should be marked "Tender for the Conveyance of Mails between Kandy and Teldeniya" in the left hand top corner of the envelope, and should reach the Office of the Postmaster-General not later than midday on Monday, December 18, 1916.

9. Tenders are to be made upon forms which will be supplied upon application to the Postmaster-General, and no tender will be considered unless it is on the recognized form.

10. Any alteration in a tender must bear the initials of the tenderer, otherwise the tender may be treated as informal and rejected.

11. A deposit of Rs. 50 must be made with the Postmaster-General, and a receipt produced for the same before a tender form is issued. Should any person decline to enter into the contract and bond, or fail to furnish approved security, within ten days of receiving notice in writing from the Postmaster-General, or his duly authorized representative, that his tender has been accepted, such deposit will be forfeited to the Crown. All other deposits will be returned upon signature to the contract.

12. Security to the amount of one-tenth of the annual subsidy asked will be required in cash for each service.

13. Tenders for the above services, in the cases of cars and coaches, must be accompanied by a scale of the rates which it is intended to charge the public during the period of the service for the conveyance of passengers and luggage and parcels, and the quantity of luggage per passenger allowed to be conveyed free. When such scale has been accepted by Government, the contractor shall not, without the express permission of Government, increase the rates charged for the conveyance of passengers, luggage, and parcels above the amount shown in the scale, or reduce the allowance of free luggage below the amount therein stated.

14. The contract cannot be assigned or sublet without the authority of the Tender Board.

15. All other information can be obtained on application to the Postmaster-General.

16. No tender will be considered unless in respect of it all the conditions above laid down have been strictly fulfilled.

17. The Government reserves to itself the right, without question, of rejecting any or all of the tenders, and the right of accepting any portion of a tender.

General Post Office,
Colombo, November 22, 1916.

F. J. SMITH,
Postmaster-General.

TENDERS for scavenging, and cleaning the drains, in the Sanitary Board town of Mailapitiya twice daily for one year from January 1, 1917, to December 31, 1917, will be received by the Chairman, Sanitary Board, Kandy District, at the Kandy Kachcheri, up to noon on December 9, 1916.

For particulars of work and conditions of contract apply to the Chairman, Sanitary Board, Kandy.

Kandy Kachcheri,
November 21, 1916.

C. E. DE PINTO,
for Chairman, Sanitary Board.

TENDERS are hereby invited for the supply of 300 straight milla logs during 1916-17 to be completed as specified in the schedule annexed below.

2. All tenders should be in duplicate and sealed under one cover, and should be addressed to the Chairman of the Tender Board, Office of the Controller of Revenue, Colombo.

3. Tenders should either be deposited in the tender box in the Office of the Controller of Revenue, or be sent through the post.

4. Tenders should be marked "Tender for the Supply of Milla Logs, 1916-17," in the left hand top corner of the envelope, and should reach the Office of the Controller of Revenue not later than midday on Tuesday, December 12, 1916.

5. The tenders are to made upon forms which will be supplied upon application at the Forest Office, Ratnapure. No tender will be considered unless it is on the recognized form. Alterations must be initialled, otherwise the tenders may be treated as informal and rejected.

6. A deposit of Rs. 20 will be required to be made either at the Treasury or Kachcheri, and a receipt produced for the same before any form of tender is issued. Should any person decline or fail to enter into the contract and bond after he has tendered, or to furnish approved security, within ten days of receiving notice in writing from the Head of the Department, or his duly authorized representative, that his tender has been accepted, such deposit will be forfeited to the Crown, and the defaulter will render himself liable to be included in the list of defaulting contractors precluded from having any concern in a Government contract. All other deposits will be returned upon signature of a contract.

7. Contract may not be assigned or sublet without the authority of the Tender Board previously obtained, nor shall the contractor issue a power of attorney to a person whose name is in the list of defaulting contractors authorizing him to carry on the work under this contract. Further, the contractor shall not employ any person whose name is in the list of defaulting contractors, nor any person whom the Assistant Conservator of Forests, for reasons which appear to him sufficient, objects to, after giving due notice in writing.

8. Each tender must be accompanied by a letter signed by two responsible persons, whose addresses must be given, engaging to become security for the due fulfilment of the contract.

9. Sufficient sureties will be required to join in a bond for the due fulfilment of the contract. The amount of the bond, and all other necessary information, can be ascertained upon application at the office referred to in section 5. A further security in cash of 5 per cent. of the value of the contract will be required of the contractor when entering into the bond.

10. No tender will be considered unless in respect of it all the conditions above laid down have been strictly fulfilled.

11. The Government reserves to itself the right, without question, of rejecting any or all tenders, and of accepting any portion of a tender.

12. A rate per cubic foot delivered should be quoted, written both in words and figures.

13. For any further information application should be made to the Assistant Conservator of Forests, Colombo Division, Ratnapura.

General Conditions.

(1) Trees are to be felled within 6 inches from the ground by saw or axe and saw combined.

(2) Only such trees as are stamped and marked by a Forest Officer are to be felled, and no sound trees below 4 feet in girth will be marked or should be felled.

(3) The length of 33 per cent. of the logs should be 20 feet and up, and the remainder 15 feet and up. The mean girth should not be less than 4 feet.

(4) Delivery should commence in the first week of March, and be completed before the close of July, 1917.

Schedule.

To fell a sufficient number of milla trees standing in the Crown forests called Ariddamukalana, Paragahatenna, Kirigala, Malankele, Weniwelmandia, Tundola, Tittaeta-mukalana, Morakele, and Tahanchikele, in Kuruwita korale, Province of Sabaragamuwa, and convert the trees felled into 300 logs (more or less); to transport and deliver them at Kuruwita Station.

H. F. TOMALIN,
Kandy, November 20, 1916. Conservator of Forests.

SALES OF UNSERVICEABLE ARTICLES.

THE under-noted superfluous articles will be sold by public auction at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, November 29, 1916, at the Civil Medical Stores, Francis road, Maradana:—

6 100-gallon empty spirit casks.
1 50-gallon empty spirit casks.

1 lot firewood.
1 lot zinc lining.

Colombo, November 14, 1916.

E. L. HUNT,
for Principal Civil Medical Officer and
Inspector-General of Hospitals.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Registrar-General's Weekly Health Report of the City of Colombo for the Week ended November 18, 1916.

Births.—The total births registered in the city of Colombo in the week were 126 (1 European, 12 Burghers, 70 Sinhalese, 22 Tamils, 14 Moors, 5 Malays, and 2 Others). The birth-rate per 1,000 per annum (calculated on the estimated population on July 1, 1916, viz., 259,451) was 25·4, as against 31·8 in the preceding week, 19·3 in the corresponding week of last year, and 22·7 the weekly average for last year.

Deaths.—The total deaths registered were 132 (1 European, 1 Burgher, 68 Sinhalese, 39 Tamils, 14 Moors, 3 Malays, and 6 Others). The death-rate per 1,000 per annum was 26·6, as against 27·4 in the previous week, 21·4 in the corresponding week of last year, and 25·8 the weekly average for last year.

Infantile Deaths.—Of the 132 total deaths, 23 were of infants under one year of age, as against 31 in the preceding week, 26 in the corresponding week of the previous year, and 29 the average for last year.

Stillbirths.—The number of stillbirths registered during the week was 8.

Principal Causes of Death.—Eighteen deaths from *Phthisis* were registered, as against 14 in the previous week and 15 the weekly average for last year: Of these, 5 were in Maradana (including 3 deaths of non-residents in hospitals), 4 in Kotahena, 3 in New Bazaar, 2 in St. Paul's, 2 in Wellawatta, 1 in San Sebastian, and 1 in Kollupitiya.

2. Sixteen deaths from *Pneumonia* were registered, as against 18 in the previous week and 11 the weekly average for last year. Of these, 4 were in New Bazaar, 3 in Slave Island, 2 in St. Paul's, 2 in Kotahena, 2 in Maradana (both non-residents in hospitals), 2 in Wellawatta, and 1 in Petta. Three deaths from *Bronchitis* were registered.

3. Two deaths from *Enteric Fever* were registered, as against 4 in the previous week and 3 the weekly average for last year. Of these, 1 was in Kotahena and 1 in Maradana (of a non-resident in hospital).

4. One death from *Plague* was registered (in St. Paul's), same as in the previous week, against 2 the weekly average for last year. Three cases were reported, as against 5 in the previous week.

5. Nine deaths from *Infantile Convulsions* were registered, 9 from *Debility*, 7 from *Dysentery*, 4 from *Worms*, 1 from *Diarrhoea*, 1 from *Enteritis*, and 61 from *Other Causes*.

6. No deaths from *Measles* were registered; there were two in the previous week. There were reported 15 cases of *Measles*, as against 21 in the previous week; and 13 cases of *Chickenpox*, as against 8 in the previous week.

State of the Weather.—The mean temperature of air was 78·6°, against 78·4° in the preceding week and 77·3° in the corresponding week of the previous year. The mean atmospheric pressure was 29·930 in., against 29·905 in. in the preceding week and 29·861 in. in the corresponding week of the previous year. The total rainfall in the week was 3·81 in., against 0·67 in. in the preceding week and 11·80 in. in the corresponding week of the previous year.

Registrar-General's Office,
Colombo, November 21, 1916.

FRED. L. ANTHONISZ,
for Registrar-General.