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DRAFT ORDINANCES.

MINUTE.

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

An Ordinance to amend " The Cemeteries and Burials Ordinance, 1899."

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend " The Cemeteries and Burials Ordinance, 1899": 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 Cemeteries and Burials (Amendment) Ordinance, No. of 1923."

2 In section 4 of the principal Ordinance for the definition of the term " proper authority " there shall be substituted the following :—

The term " proper authority " shall mean, in the case of an area situated within a Municipality, or a District Council established under " The Local Government Ordinance, No. 11 of 1920," or a Local Board, or a Sanitary Board, or the Board of Improvement of Nuwara Eliya, such Municipality, District Council, or Board, and in the case of every other town, village, or place, the Government Agent of the Province or Assistant Government Agent of the district within which such town, village, or place is situated.

3 Sections 8, 13, 29, and 30 of the principal Ordinance shall be amended by the addition of the words " on conviction " immediately after the word " liable " occurring in the said sections.

Preamble.

Short title.

Amendment of section 4 of the principal Ordinance.

Amendment of sections 8, 13, 29, and 30 of the principal Ordinance.

Substitution of new sections for sections 20 and 21 of the principal Ordinance.

Portions of cemetery may be set apart for exclusive burial.

Form of grant of right of exclusive burial.

Amendment of section 22 of the principal Ordinance.

Substitution of new section for section 45 of the principal Ordinance.

Disposal of fines.

Addition of new form to schedule II. of the principal Ordinance.

4 Sections 20 and 21 of the principal Ordinance are hereby repealed, and the following sections shall be inserted in lieu thereof :

20. (1) The proper authority may sell, or, with the sanction of the Governor in Executive Council, make free grants of portions of the cemetery not included in the portions sold under section 12 of this Ordinance, either in perpetuity or for a limited time, and, subject to any conditions which he may think fit, the exclusive right of burial in any such portions of the cemetery so sold or granted, or the rights of one or more burials therein, and may sell or grant the right of placing any monument or gravestone in any part of the cemetery not included in the portions sold under section 12, or any tablet or monumental inscription on the walls of any chapel or other building within any such part.

(2) All moneys realized by the sale of any portion or portions of a cemetery under the provisions of section 12, or by any sale under the provisions of this section shall, if the cemetery be in a Municipal town, be paid into the Municipal fund, if in a Local Board town into the Local Board fund, if within the limits of a District Council or Sanitary Board into the funds of such Council or Board, and if within the town of Nuwara Eliya into the funds of the Board of Improvement of Nuwara Eliya, and in any other case into the general revenue.

21. The grant under section 20 of the exclusive right of burial in any part of a cemetery, and of the right of one or more burials therein, or of placing therein any monument, tablet, or gravestone, shall be made in either one of the forms A or A1 in schedule II. to this Ordinance, or to the like effect, and shall be executed by the cemetery-keeper in the presence of two witnesses.

5 Section 22 of the principal Ordinance shall be amended by the addition of the words " if any " immediately after the word " consideration " in line 4 of sub-section (1) thereof.

6 Section 45 of the principal Ordinance is hereby repealed, and the following section shall be inserted in lieu thereof :

45. Subject to the provisions in the preceding section contained, all fines recovered in respect of any offence under this Ordinance or for the breach of any by-law made in pursuance thereof shall, if the fine was for an offence committed in an area situated within a Municipality, or District Council, or Local Board, or Sanitary Board, or the Board of Improvement of Nuwara Eliya, be paid to such Municipality, District Council, or Board, as the case may be, and in all other cases to the general revenue.

7 The following form shall be added to schedule II. of the principal Ordinance, immediately after form A thereof, and shall be lettered A 1 :—

A 1.—Form of Free Grant of Burial Place in Cemetery.

WHEREAS by an order of Government dated the — day of —, issued under "The Cemeteries and Burials Ordinance, 1899," a General Cemetery was established at —, of which I, the undersigned, am the Cemetery-keeper :

And whereas the Governor in Executive Council has approved the making of a free grant of the rights hereinafter granted to the person within named :

Now I, as such Cemetery-keeper as aforesaid and under the provisions of the said Ordinance, do hereby grant unto — the exclusive right of burial in (*here describe the ground intended to be granted*) to hold the same to the said — for ever for the purpose of burial, subject always to the conditions set forth in the schedule of conditions hereunto annexed.

Given under my hand this — day of — in the year of our Lord —.

—
Cemetery-keeper.

By His Excellency's command,

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, March 22, 1923.

CECIL CLEMENTI,
Colonial Secretary.

Statement of Objects and Reasons.

THE principal object of this Bill is to give effect to a resolution of the Chairman of the Municipal Council of Colombo that the Council should be given power to make free grants of the exclusive right of burial in Public Cemeteries in Colombo. The Council has represented to Government that occasions have arisen in which it would have been desirable to have this power; and this Bill proposes to confer this right on all local authorities.

Opportunity has also been taken to make certain formal amendments to the principal Ordinance.

Attorney-General's Chambers,
Colombo, February 7, 1923.

H. C. GOLLAN,
Attorney-General.

MINUTE.

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

An Ordinance to Consolidate and amend the Law relating to Village Communities.

WHEREAS it is expedient to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Village Communities: Be it therefore enacted by the Governor of Ceylon, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:

Preamble.

PART I.

Preliminary.

1 This Ordinance may be cited as "The Village Communities Ordinance, No. of 1921."

Short title.

2 (1) This Ordinance shall come into operation on such day as the Governor, by Proclamation in the "Government Gazette," may appoint.

Date of commencement and division into parts.

(2) This Ordinance is divided into parts as follows:—

- I.—Preliminary.
- II.—Divisions and Subdivisions.
- III.—A. Meetings of Inhabitants; B. Village Committees; C. Objections to Voters or Candidates.
- IV.—Receipts and Expenditure of Village Committees.
- V.—Powers and Liabilities of Inhabitants.
- VI.—Constitution of Village Tribunals.
- VII.—Judicial Powers of Village Committees.
- VIII.—Procedure before Village Tribunals and Committees.
- IX.—Jurisdiction of Village Tribunals and Committees.
- X.—Application of Penalties.
- XI.—Enforcement of Process.
- XII.—Control of Proceedings and Appeal.
- XIII.—Stamps.
- XIV.—General.

3 In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires—

Definitions.

- "Government Agent" includes the Assistant Government Agent of a district;
- "Fiscal" includes a Deputy Fiscal within the province of the Fiscal;
- "Native" means persons resident in the Colony other than (a) persons commonly known as Europeans, (b) persons commonly known as Burghers, and (c) labourers as defined in Ordinance No. 13 of 1889, including any woman or child related to any such labourer or any aged or incapacitated relative of any such labourer;
- "Inhabitant" means a male inhabitant who is a native and is above the age of eighteen years;
- "Chief headman" means the ratemahatmaya, mudaliyar, adikar, maniyakar, or vanniya of a division;
- "Chief headman's division" means the area under the supervision of a chief headman;
- "Subdivision" means any village or group of villages declared to be a subdivision under section 7 of this Ordinance;

[s. 3.]

“Plantation” includes any land on which tea, coffee, cacao, cardamoms, cinchona, or rubber is growing, and any coconut estate of over five acres in extent;

“Produce” includes the fruit, leaf, bark, latex, and roots of any plant or tree cultivated on a plantation.

PART II.

Divisions and Subdivisions.

Governor in Executive Council may bring any division or part thereof within this Ordinance.

[s. 4.]

4 (1) It shall be lawful for the Governor in Executive Council, by Proclamation published in the “Government Gazette,” to declare that any chief headman’s division or any part thereof shall, from a date to be named therein, be brought within the operation of this Ordinance.

(2) On such Proclamation being published as aforesaid, such division or part thereof shall, as from the said date, be brought within the operation of this Ordinance; and the inhabitants of such division or part shall be entitled to exercise the powers and be subject to the liabilities hereby conferred or imposed upon them.

Divisions or parts thereof within the provisions of any repealed Ordinance.

[New.]

5 Any chief headman’s division or part thereof, which at the commencement of this Ordinance is within the provisions of any Ordinance repealed by this Ordinance, shall be deemed to be within the operation of this Ordinance, and the provisions of this Ordinance shall apply to such division or part as if the same had been brought within the operation thereof by a Proclamation under section 4 of this Ordinance.

Governor in Executive Council may exclude any division or part thereof from operation of this Ordinance.

[s. 4 A.]

6 (1) It shall be lawful for the Governor in Executive Council, by Proclamation published in the “Government Gazette,” to exclude from the operation of this Ordinance any chief headman’s division or part thereof which shall have been brought within the operation of this Ordinance by a Proclamation under section 4 thereof, or by virtue of the provisions of section 5 of this Ordinance.

(2) On such Proclamation being published in the “Government Gazette,” such division or part shall cease to be within the operation of this Ordinance.

Division into villages.

[s. 5.]

7 (1) Every such chief headman’s division or part thereof brought within the operation of this Ordinance shall be subdivided into villages or groups of villages in such manner as the Governor in Executive Council shall, by Proclamation published in the “Government Gazette,” appoint.

(2) Any subdivision into villages or groups of villages made under the provisions of any Ordinance repealed by this Ordinance shall, as from the commencement of this Ordinance, be deemed to be within the operation of this Ordinance, and the provisions of this Ordinance shall apply to such subdivision as if the same had been made by a Proclamation under this section.

Villages, &c., within operation of any repealed Ordinance.

[New.]

PART III.

A.—Meetings of Inhabitants.

Public meetings of inhabitants.

[s. 14.]

8 (1) The Government Agent may, whenever it shall appear to him advisable to do so, and shall, upon a requisition signed by not less than twenty inhabitants of any subdivision call a meeting of the inhabitants of such subdivision.

(2) In case the extent of any subdivision should render more meetings than one necessary, the Government Agent may hold meetings at such places as he may deem desirable.

Notice of meetings.

[s. 14.]

9 The Government Agent shall, one month at least before the day of holding any such meeting, cause notices to be published throughout such subdivision, in such manner as shall appear to him best adapted for giving the greatest publicity thereto, of the time and place appointed for holding such meeting, and of the objects for which the same is to be held, and shall, in such notices, call upon the inhabitants to attend in person at such meeting.

10 (1) Every such meeting shall be held at the time and place so appointed, and shall be presided over by the Government Agent or some person authorized in writing by him.

(2) Such Government Agent or person shall have power to adjourn any meeting, as often as need be, to a time and place to be mentioned by him at the time of directing such adjournment.

11 It shall be the duty of the Government Agent or other person presiding to explain to the persons attending the meeting the purpose for which the same was convened and such provisions of this Ordinance as relate to such purpose.

12 (1) At any such meeting every inhabitant of such village or group of villages as aforesaid, who is present thereat, shall be entitled to vote, unless he has been convicted, within five years before the date of the meeting, of theft, fraud, forgery, perjury, or of any infamous crime whatever.

(2) All questions or resolutions shall be determined by a majority of the votes of those present and entitled to vote.

(3) The Government Agent or other person presiding shall have a casting vote in addition to his original vote.

13 (1) The Government Agent or other person presiding shall enter or cause to be entered in the minutes of every such meeting the questions or resolutions proposed thereat and the number of votes given for and against the same, and shall sign the said minutes and publicly declare the result of all votes given at the meeting.

(2) The minutes shall be deposited and preserved in the provincial or district kachcheri as may be the more convenient course.

B.—Village Committees.

14 It shall be lawful for the inhabitants of any subdivision to elect a committee of not less than six, and, if they see fit, to delegate to such committee the power of making rules conferred on such inhabitants by this Ordinance.

15 All committees in existence at the commencement of this Ordinance shall continue to exist until the time when they would, under the provisions of any Ordinance repealed by this Ordinance, have gone out of office by effluxion of time, and shall have and exercise all privileges, powers, and duties conferred or imposed on Village Committees by this Ordinance as if they had been constituted under the provisions of this Ordinance.

16 (1) In the case of subdivisions situated wholly within the administrative limits of any District Council constituted under the provisions of "The Local Government Ordinance, No. 11 of 1921," the members of the Village Committee shall from time to time elect one of their own number to be chairman of such committee.

(2) An elected chairman shall hold office during the term of the committee, unless he shall meanwhile, for any cause, have ceased to be a member thereof.

(3) In the case of subdivisions other than those mentioned in sub-section (1) of this section, the chief headman of the division of which such subdivisions form part shall be *ex officio* Chairman of the Village Committee in every such subdivision.

(4) In the absence of an elected or *ex officio* chairman at any meeting of a committee, the members of the committee who shall be present may select and appoint a chairman for such meeting.

17 (1) It shall be the duty of every such committee—

(a) To make rules (if the power to make rules is delegated to them);

(b) To exercise such powers as may be conferred upon them by this Ordinance or by rules made under this Ordinance.

(2) All such rules shall be subject to all provisions which apply to rules made under Part V. of this Ordinance.

Holding and adjournment of meetings.
[s. 15 and 14.]

Explanation of object of meeting.
[s. 15.]

Voting at meetings.
[ss. 15 and 25.]

Minutes.
[s. 15.]

Village Committees.
[s. 16.]

Existing Village Committees.
[New.]

Chairman of Village Committee.

Duties of Committees.
[s. 16.]

Qualifications
of committee-
men.

[s. 17.]

18 A person shall be disqualified to be elected or to be a member of any committee—

- (a) Unless he is a male and is over twenty-five years of age ;
- (b) Unless he is possessed, in his own right or in that of his wife, of immovable property situated within the subdivision, worth more than two hundred rupees ;
- (c) If he has suffered rigorous imprisonment for a term of one month or upwards and has not received a free pardon.

Term of office.

[s. 18.]

19 Every committee elected under the provisions of this Ordinance shall go out of office on the last day of March of the third year from the first election of such committee.

Election of
new committees.

[s. 18.]

20 In place of every committee going out of office, another committee to be elected as hereinafter provided, shall come into, and remain in, office for the next ensuing period of three years, and, at the expiration of such period, shall in like manner go out of office and be succeeded by another such committee for a like term of three years, and so on during the continuance of this Ordinance.

Eligibility for
re-election.

[s. 18.]

21 Every member of a committee shall be eligible for re-election.

Meeting for
election of
committee.

[s. 19.]

22 (1) The Government Agent shall appoint a day, within three months of the date on which any term of office of a committee shall expire, for the holding of a meeting for the election of a committee for the three years next succeeding reckoned from the first day of April next following the day of such election.

(2) Such election shall proceed in such manner, and be subject, so far as the same are applicable, to such conditions as are in this Ordinance provided in the case of meetings of inhabitants.

Failure to
elect
committee at
prescribed
time.

[s. 20.]

23 (1) If the term of office of any committee is allowed to expire before the election of another committee in its place, it shall nevertheless be lawful for the Government Agent to fix a day for the election of a committee.

(2) The term of office of such last-mentioned committee shall be reckoned from the first day of April immediately preceding the date of such election.

Vacation of
office and
filling of casual
vacancies.

[s. 21.]

24 (1) Any member of a committee who—

- (a) Is absent from the subdivision for more than three months at any one time ; or
- (b) Is absent, without leave of the committee, from the meetings of the committee for more than three consecutive meetings thereof ; or
- (c) Is adjudicated an insolvent ; or
- (d) Is convicted of theft, fraud, forgery, perjury, or any infamous crime whatever ; or
- (e) Becomes incapacitated from fulfilling the duties of his office by mental or bodily infirmity or disease ;

shall, *ipso facto*, vacate his office.

(2) In case any member of a committee—

- (a) Dies ; or
- (b) Ceases to be qualified to be a member ; or
- (c) Refuses to accept office or resigns ; or
- (d) Vacates his office ;

the remaining members of the committee shall elect a person duly qualified under section 18 of this Ordinance to fill up the vacancy, and such person shall hold office until the next general election of members for the Village Committee.

C.—Objections to Voters or Candidates.

Objections to
voter or
candidate.

[s. 22.]

25 (1) If at any meeting any question shall be raised as to the right of any person to vote or to be elected as member of a committee, the Government Agent or other person presiding shall then and there make such inquiry as he may deem requisite and decide whether or not such person has the right to vote or to be elected.

(2) Such decision shall be final and conclusive.

(3) An entry shall be made in the minutes of any such question and of the decision thereon.

PART IV.

Receipts and Expenditure of Village Committees.

26 (1) All moneys received for or on behalf of any subdivision under the provisions of this Ordinance or of any rules made thereunder or which may be made over at any time by the Legislative Council or by any District Council for the purposes of this Ordinance and all fines levied and penalties recovered under the authority of this Ordinance or any rules made thereunder shall be deposited with the Government Agent.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this Ordinance moneys so deposited shall be applied to the payment of the necessary expenses of carrying out the provisions of this Ordinance and of any rules made thereunder and for such village purposes as the inhabitants of the subdivision, or the Committee if one shall have been constituted, shall at any meeting convened for that purpose with the concurrence of the Government Agent, determine.

Receipts and
expenditure of
Village
Committees.
[s. 56.]

PART V.

Powers and Liabilities of Inhabitants.

27 (1) At any meeting held under Part III. of this Ordinance the inhabitants of any subdivision may impose an annual tax upon themselves for the payment of such number of police headmen as may be considered necessary for the protection of such subdivision, and may prescribe the manner in which such tax shall be assessed and recovered.

(2) Such tax shall be submitted for the approval of the Governor in Executive Council, who may, either as regards the tax or the means proposed for the assessment or recovery thereof, allow or disallow the same, or make any variation, alteration, or amendment thereto, except any increase of the tax, as may be deemed expedient.

28 (1) At any such meeting the inhabitants of the subdivision may, within the limits thereof, impose and levy tolls on all ferries or bridges constructed, regulated, or protected under this Ordinance.

(2) Such tolls shall be submitted to the Governor in Executive Council, who may allow or disallow the same.

(3) Every such allowance shall be notified in the "Government Gazette," and thereupon such tolls shall come into full force and operation.

29 Subject to the provisions of "The Local Government Ordinance, No. 11 of 1920," the inhabitants of any subdivision may make rules for any of the following purposes :

- (1) For the construction, maintenance, regulation, and protection of village paths, bridges, edandas, ambalams or madams, spouts, wells, watering and bathing places, fords, ferries, burial or cremation grounds, galas, markets, and slaughtering places ;
- (2) For the restriction or prohibition of private galas, fairs, markets, and slaughtering places ;
- (3) For the levying of fees in respect of the use of village burial or cremation grounds, galas, markets, and slaughtering places ;
- (4) For the regulation, supervision, and control of bakeries, eating-houses, and tea and coffee boutiques ;
- (5) For the seizure, forfeiture, removal, and destruction of unwholesome articles of food or drink, and the prevention of the sale or exposure for sale thereof ;
- (6) For the conservancy of springs and water-courses ;
- (7) For regulating fisheries according to local customs, and the imposition of fees in connection therewith ;
- (8) For taking care of and regulating the use of waste and other lands set apart for the purpose of the pasturage of cattle or for any other common purpose and for charging fees in respect of such user ;
- (9) For encouraging the cultivation of agricultural products, and the breeding of domestic animals ;
- (10) For regulating the manner of slaughtering animals ;
- (11) For the prevention of disease amongst animals ;
- (12) For the prevention of trespass by animals ;

Tax for
payment of
police headmen.
[s. 23.]

Imposition of
tolls.
[s. 24.]

Inhabitants
may make
rules.
[s. 6.]

- (13) For the putting up and preservation of land boundaries and fences ;
- (14) For the prevention and abatement of nuisances, and for ensuring sanitation and the provision of adequate latrine accommodation and clean and open spaces round houses and latrines.
- (15) For the regulation and protection of coir kraals and for levying an annual tax on such kraals.
- (16) For preventing accidents connected with toddy drawing, and for the periodical inspection of the ropes and other appliances used for that purpose ;
- (17) For preventing accidents by the setting of spring guns and traps ;
- (18) For the prevention of gambling and cock-fighting, and for the prevention of cart racing on public thoroughfares ;
- (19) For the construction, repair, and protection of Village Tribunal and Village Committee court-houses ;
- (20) For determining, imposing, and enforcing of penalties incurred by officers appointed under section 36 of this Ordinance for neglect or breach of duty, and for prescribing the fees to be paid to such officers, and the persons by whom such fees are to be paid ;
- (21) For the collection of tolls imposed and levied under this Ordinance ;
- (22) For the construction, repair, and maintenance of public roads and paths ;
- (23) For the construction, repair, maintenance, and protection of village canals and of bunds or other works for the protection of cultivated land against flood waters ;
- (24) For imposing and enforcing an annual tax payable in labour, not exceeding ten days' labour in any one year, in respect of all or any of the purposes mentioned in paragraphs (1), (4), (5), (9), (19), (22), and (23), and for exempting any persons or classes of persons from the liability in respect of any such tax ;
- (25) For determining the number of days' labour to be imposed in respect of any one or more of such purposes, not exceeding ten days' labour in all in any one year from any one person ;
- (26) For calling out and compelling the performance of such labour and enforcing, in case of default, the performance of increased or double labour ;
- (27) For allowing the liability to perform such labour or double labour to be commuted for a money payment, either wholly or in part at the discretion of the Village Committee ;
- (28) For the prevention of disorderly conduct or loitering in thoroughfares or public places, and for the prevention of the use of abusive language ;
- (29) For making it an offence for any holder of a license under the Excise Ordinance, No. 12 of 1912, or any keeper of a tavern to sell, or allow any person to sell, to females or to boys under sixteen years of age any description of spirits, including intoxicating liquor, as well as the produce of the coconut or other description of palm or sugar cane ;
- (30) For the enforcement of ancient customs as regards cultivation, or the repair, protection, and maintenance of village tanks, and for the irrigation of fields and gardens under such tanks ;
- (31) Prescribing the persons who shall sign any security given by the inhabitants in respect of any loan made to them ;
- (32) Prescribing the number to form a quorum at meetings of a committee, and the manner of conducting business at such meetings ;
- (33) For any other purpose connected with, or relating to, purely village affairs.

Approval and
publication of
rules.
[s. 7.]

30 (1) All such rules shall be forthwith transmitted through the Government Agent for the approval of the Governor in Executive Council.

(2) Such of the rules as shall be approved shall be published in the "Government Gazette," and shall thereupon be as valid and effectual as if the same were contained in this Ordinance.

(3) The Government Agent shall also take steps to cause the rules, after such publication, to be proclaimed in the subdivision subject to their operation in such manner as shall secure the greatest publicity thereto.

31 (1) The inhabitants of any subdivision, subject to the provisions of this Ordinance, may from time to time vary, alter, amend, add to, or repeal any such rule.

(2) All such variations, alterations, amendments, additions to, or repeals shall be subject to the same provisions as in the case of rules made under this Ordinance.

32 (1) The Governor in Executive Council may at any time cancel or annul any rule made or in force under the provisions of this Ordinance.

(2) All such cancellations or annulments shall be published in the "Government Gazette," and as from such publication shall cease to be valid or of any effect.

33 All rules made under any Ordinance repealed by this Ordinance which are in force at the commencement of this Ordinance, which are not inconsistent with any of its provisions, shall continue to be in force until varied, altered, amended, repealed, cancelled, or annulled under the provisions hereinbefore appearing.

34 The inhabitants of a subdivision may sue or be sued under the name or style of "The inhabitants of the subdivision of" (*here state the name of the subdivision*).

35 (1) At any such meeting the inhabitants of the subdivision may resolve to raise a loan for carrying out any work of general utility, and thereupon it shall be lawful for the said inhabitants, with the sanction of the Governor in Executive Council, to borrow such sum or sums of money as may be necessary for carrying out any such work as aforesaid.

(2) Every such loan shall be subject to such rate of interest and to such conditions for the repayment thereof as the Governor in Executive Council may sanction.

(3) For the purpose of securing repayment of the sum or sums so borrowed and the interest accruing thereon, such inhabitants may mortgage and assign to the lender, by or on whose behalf such sum or sums or any part thereof may be lent, any revenues accruing to them under the provisions of this Ordinance and any property belonging to such inhabitants.

(4) Notwithstanding anything in section 14 of "The Local Loans and Development Ordinance, No. 22 of 1916," contained, it shall be lawful for the Commissioners appointed under such Ordinance to advance money to the inhabitants of a subdivision for the purposes aforesaid on such security as such Commissioners, with the sanction of the Governor in Executive Council, shall deem sufficient, and the provisions of such Ordinance shall apply to any such loan whether made before or after the commencement of this Ordinance.

36 (1) Whenever it shall be necessary to appoint any officer to carry into effect, or supervise the working of, any rule, it shall be lawful for the inhabitants of the subdivision to which the rule applies to create an office for such purpose by a rule to be made in the manner provided by this Ordinance.

(2) As soon as any such office has been created, it shall be lawful for the Government Agent to appoint some person to fill the same.

(3) Any such appointment may from time to time be revoked by the Government Agent and some other person be appointed by him to such office.

(4) Every such officer shall, so long as he continues in office, be entitled to be paid and receive such fees in respect of his office as may be prescribed by any rule made under section 29 of this Ordinance.

Rules may be varied, altered, amended or repealed.

[s. 8.]

Cancellation of existing rule.

[s. 9.]

Rules in force at commencement of Ordinance to remain in force until amended or repealed.

[New.]

Actions by or against inhabitants.

[New.]

Borrowing powers of Village Committee.

Creation of offices for purposes of rules.

[s. 10.]

[s. 11.]

(5) Every such officer shall be liable to pay the penalties for breach or neglect of duty in respect of his office prescribed by any rule made under section 29 of this Ordinance.

PART VI.

Constitution of Village Tribunals.

Governor in Council may establish Village Tribunals.
[s. 26.]

37 (1) It shall be lawful for the Governor in Executive Council to establish, by Proclamation in the "Government Gazette," a Village Tribunal in any chief headman's division or any part thereof brought under the operation of this Ordinance.

(2) All Village Tribunals constituted under any Ordinance repealed by this Ordinance and in existence at the date of the commencement of this Ordinance shall be deemed to have been established under this Ordinance, and shall have, possess, and exercise all the rights, powers, privileges, and jurisdiction conferred on a Village Tribunal under the provisions of this Ordinance.

Governor may appoint and remunerate President.

38 (1) The Governor may appoint a President for any such tribunal at such salary as he may from time to time determine.

(2) Such salary shall be paid out of the general revenue.

(3) All Presidents appointed under any Ordinance repealed by this Ordinance shall be deemed to have been appointed under this Ordinance, and shall have, possess, and exercise all the rights, powers, privileges, and jurisdiction, and be subject to the same liabilities as if he had been appointed under this Ordinance.

Councillors to be associated with President.
[s. 26.]

39 There shall be associated with the President for the trial of any case before the Village Tribunal three councillors, to be chosen by lot out of the persons possessing the qualifications required for members of committee by section 18 in manner prescribed by rules made under section 95 of this Ordinance.

Additional President.
[s. 39.]

40 (1) The Governor may appoint an additional President for any Village Tribunal at such salary as he may from time to time determine, and every such additional President shall sit separately, and have all the powers and be subject to all the responsibilities of a President appointed under section 38 of this Ordinance.

(2) Such salary shall be paid out of the general revenue.

President's oaths.
[s. 26.]

41 Every President, before he shall begin to execute the duties of his office, shall take and subscribe the oath of allegiance and judicial oath prescribed by Ordinance No. 7 of 1869.

Removal or dismissal of President.
[ss. 26, 54.]

42 A President may at any time be removed from his office by the Governor in Executive Council, and if dismissed for misconduct shall be disqualified from holding any office in the public service, unless rehabilitated by the Governor in Executive Council.

Power of Governor to abolish tribunal, vary limits, and disfranchise division.
[s. 27.]

43 The Governor in Executive Council may, by Proclamation in the "Government Gazette"—

(a) Abolish any Village Tribunal; or

(b) Add to the area within the jurisdiction of any Village Tribunal any other village in the same or any other division.

PART VII.

Judicial Powers of Village Committees.

Judicial power of Village Committee.
[s. 46.]

44 Where any rules shall have been duly made by the inhabitants or Village Committee of any subdivision, and no Village Tribunal shall have been established for such subdivision, the Village Committee for the time being shall be a court for the trial of breaches of such rules and for such other matters as are hereinafter provided.

PART VIII.

Procedure before Village Tribunals and Committees.

- 45 Village Tribunals and Committees shall sit in open court and at such times and places as the Government Agent may from time to time direct, or as, in the absence of such direction, may be determined by the President or Chairman. Mode, place, and time of sittings.
[s. 28 (modified).]
- 46 The proceedings shall be conducted in the native language, but (subject to the approval of the Government Agent) the record thereof may be kept in English or in the native language at the discretion of the President or Chairman. Language of proceedings.
[s. 50 (modified).]
- 47 All cases before Village Tribunals and Committees shall be conducted in a summary manner, and shall be free from the formalities of judicial proceedings, and it shall be the duty of such tribunals and committees to do substantial justice in all questions coming before them without regard to matters of form. Procedure to be summary and free from formalities.
[s. 50.]
- 48 No advocate, proctor, agent, or other person (excepting husbands for their wives, guardians and curators for their minors and wards, and agents doing business in the subdivision for their absent principals) shall be permitted to appear on behalf of any party in any case before a Village Tribunal or Committee. Representation of parties.
[s. 50.]
- 49 For the purpose of any proceeding before a Village Tribunal or Committee, the President or Chairman may administer oaths in manner authorized by law. Witnesses to be sworn.
[s. 36 (modified).]
- 50 (1) In the case of a Village Tribunal, the councillors shall first express their opinion, and the President shall thereupon express his :
Provided that in the case of any difference of opinion between the President and the councillors, or any of them, the opinion of the President shall prevail, but in every such case a record shall be made of such difference of opinion. Method of decision.
[s. 30.]
- (2) In the case of a Village Committee, the matter in issue shall be determined by the majority of the members of the committee present, and where the members are equally divided, the Chairman shall have a casting vote as well as an original vote. [s. 48.]
- 51 Any person who, while a Village Tribunal or Village Committee is sitting, and in the presence of such Village Tribunal or Village Committee—
(a) Uses any violent, insulting, abusive, or threatening language ; or
(b) Makes use of any violent, indecent, or unbecoming gestures ; or
(c) Wilfully interrupts or obstructs any proceedings thereof—
may be ordered by the Village Tribunal or Village Committee to pay a fine not exceeding ten rupees, and in default of payment to suffer imprisonment of either description for any period not exceeding seven days. Misconduct while a Village Tribunal or Village Committee is sitting.
[New.]
- 52 (1) It shall be the duty of the Village Tribunal or Committee, in any case brought before it, other than any case of theft or gambling, by all lawful means to bring the parties to an amicable settlement, and to remove, with their consent, the real cause of grievance between them, and for this purpose the Tribunal or Committee shall have power, with the consent of the parties, to refer the matter in issue to arbitration, and to give judgment in accordance with the finding of the arbitrator. Court to endeavour to conciliate parties.
[s. 30.]
- (2) Such judgment shall be final, and not subject to appeal.
- 53 Any person eligible to serve as a councillor to whom notice in writing shall have been given by the President to attend as a councillor at the time and place specified in such notice, and who without lawful excuse fails to attend as required by such notice, or who having attended departs without having obtained the permission of the President, or fails to attend an adjourned meeting of the tribunal after being ordered to attend, shall be liable by order of the Councillor absenting himself without leave.
[s. 26A.]

President to a fine not exceeding ten rupees, and in default of payment of the fine to simple imprisonment not exceeding seven days.

Power of President or Chairman to receive complaints and issue summonses outside his jurisdiction.
[New.]

54. The President of a Village Tribunal or Chairman of a Village Committee may receive complaints and issue summonses in respect of any offence within his jurisdiction at any place in which he may be sitting in discharge of judicial functions, notwithstanding that such place may be outside the limits of the jurisdiction of the tribunal before which such offence is triable.

PART IX.

Jurisdiction of Village Tribunals and Committees.

Jurisdiction of Village Tribunal.
[s. 28.]

55 A Village Tribunal shall have jurisdiction to try the following cases :

A.—Civil.

- (a) Actions in which the debt, damage, or demand shall not exceed fifty rupees, and the party defendant is resident within the subdivision, or in which the cause of action shall have arisen wholly or in part within the subdivision.
- (b) All actions in which title to, interest in, or right to the possession of any land or immovable property shall be in dispute, provided that the value of such land or immovable property, or of the particular share, right, or interest in dispute in such action, shall not exceed fifty rupees, and the same or any part thereof is situate in such subdivision.
- (c) All actions whatever involving any debt, damage, or demand not exceeding one hundred and fifty rupees, or any claim to land or immovable property in which the land or interest in dispute shall not exceed one hundred and fifty rupees in value, which the parties thereto shall by consent in writing in form prescribed by rules made under section 95 of this Ordinance expressly refer for trial to such tribunal.

B.—Criminal.

- (a) All breaches of rules made under section 29 of this Ordinance.
- (b) All offences enumerated in the schedule to this Ordinance or added thereto by Proclamation in the "Government Gazette" by the Governor in Executive Council, or in respect of which jurisdiction is conferred on a Village Tribunal by any Ordinance, whether passed before the commencement of this Ordinance, or subsequently thereto.

Jurisdiction of Village Committee.
[ss. 48, 49A.]

56 A Village Committee shall have jurisdiction to try the following cases :

- (a) All breaches of rules made under section 29 of this Ordinance.
- (b) All offences under "The Cattle Trespass Ordinance, 1876," or under any other Ordinance named in any Proclamation by the Governor in Executive Council published in the "Government Gazette."

Punishments.
[ss. 31, 49
(modified).]

57 (1) A Village Tribunal or Committee in the exercise of its criminal jurisdiction may impose a fine not exceeding thirty rupees, and in the case of a continuing offence a further fine not exceeding five rupees for each day such offence is continued after notice to the offender, and in default of payment of any fine so imposed may sentence the offender to imprisonment of either description for any period not exceeding fourteen days.

(2) Whoever attempts to commit an offence punishable under this Ordinance, or to cause such an offence to be committed, and in such attempt does any act towards the commission of the offence, shall be liable to the same punishment as if he had committed such offence.

(3) When any person is charged before a Village Tribunal or a Village Committee with an offence under this Ordinance, and such tribunal or committee thinks that the charge is proved, but is of opinion that, having regard to the character, antecedents, age, health, or mental condition of the person charged, or to the trivial nature of the offence, or to the extenuating circumstances under which the offence was committed, it is inexpedient to inflict any punishment, or any other than a nominal punishment, such tribunal or committee may order such person (a) to be discharged after such admonition as to them shall seem fit; or (b) to be delivered to his parent or to his guardian or nearest adult relative, on such parent, guardian, or relative executing a bond with or without a surety or sureties as the tribunal or committee may require, that he will be responsible for the good behaviour of the offender for any period not exceeding twelve months.

[s. 19 (b) of 1 of 1886.]

(4) In lieu of ordering any male person under the age of sixteen years to be imprisoned as aforesaid, a Village Tribunal or Committee may order such person to be whipped in accordance with the provisions of "The Flogging Regulations Ordinance, 1904."

58 In any case in which the Government Agent shall so order, a Village Tribunal shall have jurisdiction to try breaches of rules under "The Irrigation Ordinance, No. 45 of 1917," in lieu of the Village Council provided for by that Ordinance, and in any such case may impose a fine up to the amount of thirty rupees, and in default of payment may sentence the defaulter to imprisonment of either description for any period not exceeding fourteen days.

Special provision as to irrigation offences.

[s. 29 (re-cast).]

59 The Governor in Executive Council may limit the jurisdiction of any Village Tribunal to criminal or civil jurisdiction only, or to jurisdiction for the trial of breaches of rules under section 29 of this Ordinance, or to any such jurisdictions in combination.

Governor in Council may limit jurisdiction of any Village Tribunal.

[s. 35.]

60 No Village Tribunal or Committee shall have jurisdiction to try any case, civil or criminal, in which all the parties are not natives, unless all the parties shall consent thereto in writing in such form as shall be prescribed:

No jurisdiction except between natives, unless parties consent.

[s. 28.]

Provided that notwithstanding anything in this section contained—

(a) Any public officer or any officer of any society established in Ceylon for the prevention of cruelty to animals, whether a native or not, may at his discretion prosecute before any Village Tribunal or Committee any offence otherwise within the jurisdiction of such Tribunal or Committee; and

(b) Proceedings, civil or criminal, may, at the discretion of the person taking the same, be taken by or against any Co-operative Society registered under any law for the time being dealing with such societies, in which the other party to any such proceedings is a native and which are otherwise within the jurisdiction of such Tribunal or Committee.

61 No Village Tribunal or Committee shall have jurisdiction to try any case, criminal or civil, which is instituted for the protection of the revenue.

No jurisdiction to try cases for protection of revenue.

Jurisdiction exclusive.

[s. 34.]

62 Subject to any special provision in that behalf in this or any other Ordinance, the jurisdiction exercisable by Village Tribunals and Committees shall be exclusive, and cases within that jurisdiction shall not be tried by any other court: Provided always that nothing in this section contained shall preclude a public officer from prosecuting before a Police Court any offence which, but for the provisions of this Ordinance, would be cognizable by such Police Court.

Cases within Village Tribunal or Committee jurisdiction coming before other court to be remitted.

[s. 34.]

63 In any case instituted before a court, civil or criminal, in which it shall appear at any stage of the proceedings that the case is one within the jurisdiction of any Village Tribunal or Committee, the court shall stop the further progress of the case and refer the parties to such Village Tribunal or Committee, and in any such cases may make such order as to costs as may seem just.

Power of Attorney- or Solicitor-General or Government Agent to direct offence to be tried by Police Court.
[s. 28, proviso (3); s. 28B.]

64 It shall be lawful for the Attorney-General, or the Solicitor-General, or for any Government Agent having jurisdiction in the subdivision in question in the following cases :

- (a) In the case of any offence which, but for the provisions of this Ordinance, would be cognizable by a Police Court ;
- (b) In the case of any offence against a rule under section 29 of this Ordinance, which is also an offence under any other Ordinance—

if he shall consider that such offence may more appropriately be tried before a Police Court, to direct such offence to be tried before a Police Court having local jurisdiction, and if necessary to stay the further trial of such offence before any Village Tribunal or Committee.

Powers of Government Agent to direct civil action to be heard by Court of Requests.
[s. 28, proviso (3).]

65 It shall be lawful for the Government Agent having jurisdiction in the subdivision in question, in the case of any civil action within the jurisdiction of any Village Tribunal, if he shall be of opinion that such case may be more appropriately tried before a Court of Requests, to direct such case to be tried before the Court of Requests having local jurisdiction, and if necessary to stay the further hearing of such action before the Village Tribunal.

Tribunal or committee to report case more appropriately triable elsewhere to Government Agent with a view to transfer.
[s. 28, proviso (2) (modified).]

66 In any case in which it is made to appear to any Village Tribunal or Committee—

- (a) In regard to any case of theft or of receiving stolen property before any Village Tribunal, that by reason of the previous conviction of the accused or for any other reason the offence cannot adequately be punished by any penalty within the powers of the tribunal ;
- (b) In regard to any case of assault before any Village Tribunal, that in the circumstances of the case the offence cannot adequately be punished by any penalty within the powers of the tribunal ;
- (c) In regard to any other case, criminal or civil, before any Village Tribunal or Committee, that the case might more appropriately be tried before a Police Court or Court of Requests—

it shall be the duty of the tribunal or committee to suspend the further hearing of the case, and to report it to the Government Agent with a view to action under the last two preceding sections.

When case beyond jurisdiction, to be referred to competent court.
[s. 51.]

67 If in the course of any trial before any Village Tribunal or Committee it shall appear that the case is not within the jurisdiction of the tribunal or committee, it shall be the duty of the President or Chairman forthwith to stop the trial, and to refer the party instituting the case to the competent court.

Objection to the jurisdiction in the case of actions involving title.
[New.]

68 (1) In any case before a Village Tribunal in which the title to, interest in, or right to the possession of any land or immovable property is in dispute, it shall be the duty of the President, upon it so appearing, to inquire of the defendant whether he objects to the jurisdiction of the court on the ground that the value of the said land or immovable property, or the particular share, right, or interest in dispute, exceeds fifty rupees.

(2) If the defendant does not raise any such objection to the jurisdiction, it shall not be competent to him to raise it at any subsequent stage of the proceedings or on appeal.

(3) The President shall not give effect to any such objection, if, in the opinion of the tribunal, it is not raised in good faith, or if the claim of title set up by the defendant is one obviously untenable at law.

Penalty for false or frivolous prosecution.
[s. 32 (modified).]

69 If it shall appear to any Village Tribunal or Village Committee that any prosecution has been instituted before it falsely or maliciously, or upon frivolous or vexatious grounds, it shall be lawful for such Village Tribunal or Committee to sentence the party instituting such prosecution to fine not exceeding ten rupees, and in default of payment to simple or rigorous imprisonment for any period not exceeding seven days.

PART X.

Application of Fines and Penalties.

70 A Village Tribunal or Village Committee may award such fine or any part thereof as is mentioned in the last preceding section to the aggrieved party, and if such aggrieved party shall accept the same, he shall not be entitled to maintain any suit for the recovery of damages in respect of the injury sustained by him by reason of such prosecution as aforesaid.

Award to aggrieved party.

71 Subject to any special enactment in that behalf, it shall be lawful for any Village Tribunal or Village Committee, before whom any offender may be convicted, to order at its discretion that any part not exceeding one-half of the fine or penalty recovered from such offender be paid over to, or applied to the use and benefit of, the person who shall first have given information against or been active in the apprehending of such offender, or shall appear otherwise deserving of reward in the matter: Provided that no such order as aforesaid shall be acted upon or given effect to unless the same has been confirmed by the Government Agent.

Reward to informer or person apprehending an offender.

[s. 33 (modified).]

72 It shall be lawful for a Village Tribunal or Committee to direct such portion of any fine as it shall deem fit to be paid to the defendant or person aggrieved by the act or omission in respect of which such penalty has been imposed (on condition that such person, if he shall accept the same, shall not have or maintain any suit for the recovery of damages for the loss or injury sustained by him by reason of such act or omission), and such other portion thereof as it shall deem fit to the persons, if any, employed to do the work which ought to have been done, or to repair the mischief done, by the defendant.

Award of portion of penalty to person aggrieved.

[s. 56.]

PART XI.

Enforcement of Process.

73 It shall be the duty of all headmen, police and peace officers, and of all members of the police force to aid and assist the inhabitants, committees, and tribunals in the exercise of the powers and jurisdictions and the performance of the duties imposed upon them by this Ordinance. Any such headman, officer or member of the police force who shall fail to do so shall be guilty of a summary offence, and be liable on conviction before a Police Magistrate to a fine not exceeding fifty rupees.

Headman and police officer to assist in carrying out Ordinance.

[s. 57.]

74 Any summons or warrant issued by any President or Chairman under the provisions of this Ordinance may be directed for service to any person or persons named therein, and such person or persons or any police officer may execute the same at any place in Ceylon.

Process may be directed for service to any person.

[s. 50 A (1).]

75 When a warrant is to be executed outside the local limits of the jurisdiction of the Village Tribunal or Committee issuing the same, such tribunal or committee may, instead of directing such warrant to any person, forward the same by post or otherwise to any Village Tribunal, Village Committee, or Police Court within the local limits of the jurisdiction of which it is to be executed.

Warrant for service outside jurisdiction.

[s. 50 A (2).]

76 The President of the Village Tribunal or the Chairman of the Village Committee or the Magistrate of the Police Court to which the warrant is so forwarded shall endorse his name thereon, and, if practicable, cause it to be executed within the local limits of his jurisdiction.

Endorsement of warrant for service outside jurisdiction.

[s. 50 A (3).]

77 When a warrant is executed outside the local limits of the jurisdiction of the Village Tribunal or Committee by which it was issued, the person arrested shall be taken before the Village Tribunal or Committee or the Police Court within the local limits of the jurisdiction of which the arrest was made, and the President of such tribunal or the Chairman of the committee or the Magistrate of such Police Court shall, if the person arrested appear to be the person intended by the

Procedure or arrest outside jurisdiction.

[s. 50 A (4).]

tribunal which issued the warrant, direct his removal in custody to such last-mentioned tribunal or committee, or if the offence be bailable, and the person arrested be ready and willing to give bail to the satisfaction of the President, Chairman, or Magistrate before whom he shall have been brought, such last-mentioned President, Chairman, or Magistrate shall take bail and forward the bond to the Village Tribunal or Committee which issued the warrant.

Duty of Fiscals.
[s. 38.]

78 (1) Every Fiscal or Deputy Fiscal shall be bound, either by himself or his officers, within the province or district for which he is respectively empowered to act—

- (a) To execute all sentences and to serve and execute all writs and processes in civil and criminal cases which he may be required or directed by any Village Tribunal or Committee to serve or execute according to the extent of its jurisdiction ;
- (b) To make and certify the return, together with the execution thereof, to such tribunal or committee, as the case may be ;
- (c) To receive and detain in prison all such persons as may by such tribunal or committee be committed to his charge for that purpose.

(2) The provisions of sections 5, 8, and 81 of "The Prisons Ordinance, 1877," and section 311 of the Criminal Procedure Code shall apply to warrants of commitment issued by Village Tribunals or Committees under the authority of this Ordinance.

Police Officer
may take bond
for appearance
of accused
person under
arrest.
[New.]

79 In any case in which a headman, police officer, peace officer, or member of the police force has lawfully arrested any person in respect of an offence within the jurisdiction of a Village Tribunal or Committee under this Ordinance, such headman, officer, or member of the police force shall take such person to the Village Tribunal or Village Committee if sitting, or if not sitting, then to the nearest police station, and the President or Chairman of such tribunal or committee, as the case may be, or the officer in charge of such police station may release such person upon his executing a bond with sureties to the satisfaction of the President, Chairman, or officer for his appearance before the Village Tribunal or Committee having jurisdiction in the matter upon such date as is named in the bond, or may thereafter be notified to him, and in default of the execution of such a bond, the person arrested may be detained in custody.

Procedure on
forfeiture of
bond.

80 (1) Whenever it is proved to the satisfaction of a Village Tribunal or Committee that a bond for appearance before such tribunal or committee has been forfeited, the President or Chairman shall record the grounds of such proof, and may call upon any person bound by such bond to pay the penalty thereof, or to show cause why it should not be paid.

[New.]

(2) If sufficient cause is not shown and the penalty is not paid, the President or Chairman may proceed to recover the same by issuing a warrant for the attachment and sale of the movable or immovable property belonging to such person.

(3) Such warrant may be executed within the local limits of the jurisdiction of the tribunal or committee, and it shall authorize the distress and sale of any movable or immovable property belonging to such person without such limits when endorsed by the District Judge or Police Magistrate within the local limits of whose jurisdiction such property is found.

(4) If such penalty be not paid and cannot be recovered by such attachment and sale, the person so bound shall be liable, by order of the President or the Chairman who issued the warrant, to simple imprisonment for a term not exceeding fourteen days.

(5) The tribunal or committee may at its discretion remit any portion of the penalty mentioned and enforce payment in part only.

81 Any person summoned to appear as a witness before a Village Tribunal or Committee who shall wilfully make default in compliance with the summons or having attended departs without having obtained the permission of the President or Chairman shall, on summary conviction before such tribunal or committee, be liable to a fine not exceeding ten rupees, or in default of payment to simple imprisonment for a period not exceeding seven days.

Punishment
of defaulting
witness.
[New.]

PART XII.

Control of Proceedings and Appeal.

82 It shall be the duty of the President of any Village Tribunal or of the Chairman of any Village Committee to report weekly all cases tried before the Village Tribunal or the Village Committee, as the case may be, to the kachcheri of the subdivision to which such Village Tribunal or Village Committee belongs, and to forward the journals of proceedings taken by such President or Chairman to the Government Agent to be filed of record in his kachcheri.

President and
Chairman to
make weekly
report to
Government
Agent.
[s. 52.]

83 The Government Agent shall be empowered to sit with the President and councillors or with the Chairman and Village Committee and observe their proceedings, and generally from time to time to report on such proceedings to the Governor.

Power of
Government
Agent to attend
and observe
proceedings.
[s. 52.]

84 (1) Any party aggrieved by any decision, order, or sentence of a Village Tribunal or Committee may within fourteen days of the said decision, order, or sentence, or in the case of an order made in the course of a trial, within fourteen days of the conclusion of the trial, exclusive of Sundays and public holidays, appeal by written petition to the Government Agent.

Appeal to
Government
Agent.
[s. 52.]

(2) Upon any such appeal the Government Agent may—

- (a) Affirm, reverse, or vary the said decision, order, or sentence; or
- (b) Direct further inquiry, or the taking of further evidence; or
- (c) Order a new trial of the matter in issue; or
- (d) Grant such further or other relief as the circumstances may require.

[(d) new.]

85 It shall be lawful for the Government Agent at any time by his own motion to call for and examine the record of any case, whether already tried by or pending trial before any Village Tribunal or Village Committee, for the purpose of satisfying himself as to the propriety of any decision, order, or sentence passed therein, or as to the propriety of the proceedings of such tribunal or committee, and upon consideration of any case so brought before him to make or pass any decision, order, or sentence which he might have made or passed had the case come before him in due course of appeal.

Power of
Government
Agent
to intervene
of his own
motion.
[s. 52.]

86 It shall be the duty of the Government Agent to communicate any order which he may make under either of the two last preceding sections to the President or Chairman of the tribunal or committee before which the case was originally brought, and of such President or Chairman to communicate such order to the parties thereby affected.

Communication
of Government
Agent's order.
[New.]

87 (1) Any person aggrieved by any such order made by the Government Agent may within fourteen days of the date when the same shall have been communicated to him, exclusive of Sundays and public holidays, appeal by written petition to the Governor in Executive Council.

Appeal to the
Governor in
Council.
[s. 52.]

(2) Upon any such appeal the Governor in Executive Council may—

- (a) Affirm, reverse, or vary the said order; or
- (b) Direct further inquiry, or the taking of further evidence; or
- (c) Order a new trial of the matter in issue; or
- (d) Grant such further or other relief as the circumstances may require.

No power to increase sentence or interfere with acquittal.
[3 of 1908, s. 4.]

88 Nothing in this chapter shall be deemed to authorize the Government Agent or the Governor in Executive Council to increase any sentence or interfere with an acquittal ordered by a Village Tribunal or Committee or by the Government Agent.

PART XIII.

Stamps.

Stamp duty on civil cases.
[14 of 1902, s.2.]

89 The party plaintiff in every civil case instituted before, or referred by consent of parties for trial before, a Village Tribunal shall on every such institution or reference forthwith supply the President of such tribunal with stamps to the following amount, namely :

- (a) In a case within the ordinary jurisdiction of the tribunal, ten cents.
- (b) In a case referred by consent, fifty cents.

President to affix and cancel stamps.
[14 of 1902, s.3.]

90 It shall be the duty of the President of such tribunal to affix the stamps so supplied to the plaint of the case so instituted or referred for trial, and to cancel such stamps by writing his initials across the stamps, together with the true date of cancellation.

No right to sue in *formâ pauperis* unless stamps supplied.
[s. 4 of 14 of 1902.]
Cost of stamps may be awarded as costs.

91 No suitor in any case instituted in or referred to a Village Tribunal shall be allowed to sue in *formâ pauperis*, nor shall any civil case be tried by a Village Tribunal until the stamps prescribed by this Ordinance have been supplied.

92 The President shall have the power of awarding to a successful plaintiff as costs to be paid by the party defendant the value of the stamps supplied by such plaintiff.

Stamp duty on appeals to Governor in Council.
[New.]

93 The appellant against any order of a Government Agent to the Governor in Executive Council shall affix to his petition of appeal stamps to the value of two rupees and fifty cents, and no such petition of appeal shall be entertained unless it is duly stamped as aforesaid.

Value of stamps returnable if appeal successful or reasonable.
[New.]

94 The value of the stamps so affixed shall be returnable to the appellant—

- (a) If the appeal is successful ; or
- (b) If the Governor in Executive Council shall be of opinion that there was reasonable ground for the appeal.

PART XIV.

General.

Rules.
[s. 50.]

95 (1) The Governor in Executive Council may make rules regulating—

- (i.) The procedure to be observed in cases before Village Tribunals and Committees ;
- (ii.) The process to be issued by them and the mode of enforcing the same ;
- (iii.) The execution of judgments, the seizure and sale of movable and immovable property, and the disposal of claims in execution ;
- (iv.) The offences triable before a Village Tribunal or Village Committee for which a headman, police officer, peace officer, or member of the police force may, in accordance with the provisions of such rules, arrest without a warrant ;
- (v.) The form and method of appeals under part XII ;
- (vi.) The summoning, challenging, and empanelling of councillors and committeemen, and regulations respecting them ;
- (vii.) The manner in which, and the conditions subject to which, process may be served, and decrees or orders enforced in actions by or against the inhabitants of a subdivision ;
- (viii.) The form and mode of giving jurisdiction under sections 55 and 60 in cases not ordinarily triable by Village Tribunals ;
- (ix.) All other matters necessary to give effect to the provisions of this Ordinance.

(2) Such rules shall be published in the English and native languages in the "Government Gazette," and when so published shall have the force of law.

(3) All rules touching any of the matters in this section referred to, made under any Ordinance repealed by this Ordinance, which are in force at the commencement of this Ordinance and which are not inconsistent with any of its provisions shall continue to be in force until varied, altered, amended, or repealed by rules made under this section.

96 (1) It shall be competent for any District Court or Court of Requests in which any case shall be pending before such court from any subdivision in which a Village Tribunal shall be established, with the consent of all the parties to the suit expressed in writing but not otherwise, to refer to the said Village Tribunal any issue of disputed boundary or encroachment, or any case in which an inspection of the premises and examination of witnesses at the spot are likely to conduce to the ends of justice, and to require such tribunal to inquire into such issue or case and report thereon to such District Court or Court of Requests; and such District Court or Court of Requests shall (on receipt of such report with the evidence upon which it is founded) proceed to determine and decide such case, with or without further evidence, as to it shall seem expedient.

Reference of issues by District Court and Court of Requests.

[s. 37.]

(2) A Village Tribunal shall not be bound to inquire into or report on any such issue or case unless the District Court or Court of Requests forwards to the President a sum sufficient to cover the travelling or other expenses of himself and the other members of the tribunal.

97 Where any Village Tribunal or Committee shall (with the approval of the Government Agent) have set apart a building as a court-house, it shall be the duty of the Government Agent to notify in the "Government Gazette" that such building is the court-house of the tribunal or committee in question.

Notification of court-houses.

[New.]

98 The Governor in Executive Council may, by Proclamation in the "Government Gazette," withdraw from any village the right to enjoy the benefits of this Ordinance, if it appears to him that the inhabitants thereof have abused their powers or are unworthy or are incapable of exercising the same justly.

Withdrawal from a village of rights under this Ordinance.

[s. 55.]

99 "The Village Communities Ordinance, 1889," and all Ordinances amending the same, and "The Village Tribunals Stamp Ordinance, 1902," are hereby repealed.

Repeal.

SCHEDULE.

(Section 55.)

Ordinance.	Title.	Section or Enactment.	Nature of Offence.
2 of 1883..	The Penal Code	.. Section 312	.. Voluntarily causing hurt.
2 of 1883..	The Penal Code	.. Section 341	.. Use of criminal force.
2 of 1883..	The Penal Code	.. Section 342	.. Assault.
2 of 1883..	The Penal Code	.. Section 366	.. Theft: Provided that the offence of "theft" shall not be deemed to include the following cases:— (a) Cases in which the property stolen is produce of a plantation; (b) Cases in which the value of the property stolen exceeds twenty rupees; (c) Cases in which the theft was preceded or accompanied by violence to the person.
2 of 1883..	The Penal Code	.. Section 393	.. Receiving stolen property: Provided that only cases in which the possession of the property has been transferred by theft and the value of the property does not exceed Rs. 20 shall be included.

Ordinance.	Title.	Section or Enactment.	Nature of Offence.
2 of 1883.	The Penal Code	.. Section 408	.. Mischief, provided that the damage caused does not exceed twenty rupees.
10 of 1861.	"The Road Ordinance, 1861"	Section 91 (4) (8)	.. Injuring thoroughfare. .. Injuring side drains by causing cart to be loaded or unloaded in front of offender's dwelling.
15 of 1862.	"The Nuisances Ordinance, 1862"	Section 94 (1), (2), (4), (5), (8), (10)	Nuisances on thoroughfares.
9 of 1876.	"The Cattle Trespass Ordinance, 1876"	Section 1 and by-laws under section 6	Nuisances.
20 of 1886.	"The Vaccination Ordinance, 1886"	All offences under the Ordinance	Cattle trespass.
7 of 1893.	"The Rabies Ordinance, 1893"	Sections 10, 15, 18.	Vaccination.
25 of 1901.	"The Dog Registration Ordinance, 1901"	Section 12 (1)	.. Breach of muzzling regulations.
13 of 1907.	"The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Ordinance, 1907"	Section 11	.. Dog registration.
1 of 1909.	"The Game Protection Ordinance, 1909"	All offences under the Ordinance	Cruelty to animals.
			Game protection.

By His Excellency's command,
Colonial Secretary's Office, CECIL CLEMENTI,
Colombo, March 28, 1923. Colonial Secretary.

Statement of Objects and Reasons.

"THE Village Communities Ordinance, 1889," has been amended on several occasions between the date of its passing and 1908. Experience has shown that further amendments are required, and it is the object of this Bill to effect this.

2. It would have been possible to pass a further amending Bill, but the proposed amendments are so numerous that it was thought better to prepare a new consolidating measure. There was the further reason that the phraseology of "The Village Communities Ordinance, 1899," is somewhat involved, and the sections are in many cases unduly long and complicated.

3. The proposed amendments involve no serious question of principle, except that contained in section 16, which provides for the election of Chairmen of Village Committees in subdivisions which are situated within the administrative limits of a District Council. In the hope that their objects and scope might be made easier for consideration the subjoined table has been prepared. It shows the existing provisions of the law which correspond to the sections of the Bill, and also explains the purport and reason of the various amendments.

Attorney-General's Chambers,
Colombo, January 27, 1923.

H. C. GOLLAN,
Attorney-General.

Table referred to in the Statement of Objects and Reasons.

Section of Bill.	Corresponding Section in existing Law.	Remarks.
1	.. —	.. Short title.
2	.. —	.. Fixes date of commencement of Ordinance.
3	.. Section 3 of "The Village Communities Ordinance, 1889"	Reproduces the existing law, except that labourers as defined in Ordinance No. 13 of 1889, are excluded from the operation of the Bill.
4	.. Section 4 of do.	.. —
5	.. New	.. Provides that existing subdivisions are to be maintained.
6	.. Section 4A of "The Village Communities Ordinance, 1889"	.. —
7	.. Section 5 of do.	.. Sub-section (2) is new. Provision is made for the maintenance of existing subdivisions.

Section of Bill.	Corresponding Section in existing Law.	Remarks.
8 and 9	..Section 14 of do.	.. The number of persons required to sign a requisition is increased from 10 to 20 as experience proves the former number to be too small.
10	.. Sections 14 and 15 of do.	—
11	.. Section 15 of do.	—
12	.. Sections 15 and 25 of do.	—
13	.. Section 15 of do.	—
14	.. Section 16 of do.	—
15	.. New	.. This merely provides for the continued existence of Village Committees, and allows of them completing the period for which they were elected.
16	.. New	.. Under the existing law the Chief Headmen of divisions are <i>ex officio</i> Chairmen of all Village Committees within their division. Under "The Local Government Ordinance, No. 11 of 1920," provision has been made for the election by the District Council of their Chairman, and in view of the relations which exist under the provisions of that Ordinance between District Councils and Village Committees, it is thought well that the Chairmen of Village Committees, situated within the administrative limits of District Councils should be elected. In subdivisions not falling within any such administrative limits, it is proposed to retain the present rule of making the Chief Headmen, Chairmen of all Village Committees within their divisions.
17	..Section 16 of "The Village Communities Ordinance, 1889"	—
18	..Section 17 of do.	—
19, 20, and 21	and Section 18 of do.	—
22	..Section 19 of do.	—
23	..Section 20 of do.	—
24	..Section 21 of do.	—
25	..Section 22 of do.	—
26	..Section 56 of do.	.. So far as sub-section (2) is concerned section 26 of the Bill is based on section 56 of the Village Communities Ordinance, 1889. As regards sub-section (1) there is no corresponding provision in that Ordinance, but it is thought advisable to deal expressly with the receipts of Village Communities.
27	..Section 23 of do.	—
28	..Section 24 of do.	.. Power is given under section 28 of the Bill also to impose tolls in respect of bridges.
29	..Section 6 of do.	.. Powers, in addition to those under the existing law, are given to Village Committees under sub-sections (3), (4), (5), (7), (9), (20), (23), (29), (30), and (32) of the section. Special attention is called to the amendment to sub-section (29), which forbids of spirits being sold to boys under 16.
30	..Section 7 of do.	—
31	..Section 8 of do.	—
32	..Section 9 of do.	—
33	..New	.. This section provides that existing rules under "The Village Communities Ordinance, 1889," shall continue in operation until they are varied or repealed by rules made under the new Ordinance.

Section of Bill.	Corresponding Section in existing Law.	Remarks.
68	..New Section 68 is an important clause and deals with the exercise of jurisdiction by Presidents of Village Tribunals in cases where questions of title are involved. This section makes it quite clear that before the jurisdiction of the Village Tribunal is ousted, it must be clear that the defence of title is raised in good faith and is tenable at law. It also requires the Village Tribunal to bring clearly to the notice of the parties to a suit all cases where questions of title arise in the course of the hearing.
69 and 70	..Section 32 of "The Village Communities Ordinance, 1889"	The penalty has been increased from Rs. 5 to Rs. 10, and provision is made for imprisonment in the event of non-payment.
71	..Section 33 of do. ..	—
72	..Section 56 of do. ..	—
73	..Section 57 of do. ..	—
74	..Section 50A (1) of do...	—
75	..Section 50A (2) of do...	—
76	..Section 50A (3) of do...	—
77	..Section 50A (4) of do...	—
78	..Section 38 of do. ..	—
79	..New	.. Section 79 of the Bill is an important section, and makes provision for dealing with persons who have been arrested for offences under the Ordinance.
80	..New This provides an easy means of enforcing bail bonds.
81	..New There is no provision in Ordinance No. 24 of 1889, for dealing with witnesses who refuse to attend or departs without permission. Section 81 of the Bill supplies this omission.
82, 83, 84, and 85	Section 52 of "The Village Communities Ordinance, 1889"	Paragraph (d) of sub-section (2) of section 84 is new.
86	..New ..	—
87	..Section 52 of "The Village Communities Ordinance, 1889"	—
88	..Section 4 of Ordinance No. 3 of 1908	—
89	..Section 2 of Ordinance No. 14 of 1902	—
90	..Section 3 of do. ..	—
91	..Section 4 of do. ..	—
92	..Section 5 of do. ..	—
93 and 94	..New It is thought well to discourage frivolous appeals from the order of the Government Agent to the Governor in Executive Council by imposing a stamp duty on petitions of appeal. In the event of an appeal being successful or of the Governor in Executive Council considering that there was ground for the appeal, the stamp duty may be returned.
95	..Section 50 of "The Village Communities Ordinance, 1889"	.. Clauses (iv.) and (vii.) of sub-section (1) of section 95 of the Bill are new. Questions have been raised as to whether offenders can in any circumstances be arrested before being taken before a Village Tribunal. It is obvious that all offences which are recognizable under the Criminal Procedure Code should be cognizable under this Ordinance, but there are also certain offences under rules which should also render an offender liable to arrest without warrant, e.g., gambling. It is thought the better course to allow of such provisions being inserted by means of rules under the Ordinance.

Section of Bill.	Corresponding Section in existing Law.	Remarks.
96	..Section 37 of "The Village Communities Ordinance, 1889"	Sub-section (2) of section 96 is new. It seems to be only fair that the President and Councilors should be indemnified against any expenses they are put to in carrying out the directions of the District Court or Court of Requests.
97	..New	—
98	..Section 55 of "The Village Communities Ordinance, 1889"	—
99 Repeal.
Schedule In this schedule are inserted the provisions of section 23 of "The Village Communities Ordinance, 1889," which confer jurisdiction on Village Tribunals in Criminal cases. Under this schedule further powers have been given, e.g., in cases of receiving stolen property.

NOTICES OF INSOLVENCY.

In the District Court of Colombo.

No. 2,992. In the matter of the insolvency of A. H. Ismail of Fort, Colombo.

NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named insolvent will take place at the sitting of this court on May 1, 1923, for proof of claim of Messrs. Hoare & Co.

By order of court, A. E. PERERA,
Colombo, April 17, 1923. for Secretary.

In the District Court of Negombo.

No. 151 I. In the matter of the insolvency of Jasentuliyanganage Elaris Fernando of 3rd Division, Tammitta.

NOTICE is hereby given that the above-named insolvent has been awarded a certificate of insolvency as of the second class.

By order of court, C. EMMANUEL,
Negombo, April 18, 1923. Secretary.

In the District Court of Negombo.

No. 153 I. In the matter of the insolvency of Don John Samuel Goonewardne of Negombo.

NOTICE is hereby given that the sitting of this court in the above matter is adjourned to May 3, 1923.

By order of court, C. EMMANUEL,
Negombo, April 18, 1923. Secretary.

In the District Court of Kalutara.

No. 176. In the matter of the insolvency of Barnige Carolis Abhayasena of Panadure.

NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named insolvent will take place at the sitting of this court on May 15, 1923, for proof of claims.

By order of court, R. MALALGODA,
Kalutara, April 23, 1923. Secretary.

In the District Court of Kandy.

No. 1,666. In the matter of the insolvency of John Wilhelmus Samuel Attygalle of Kandy.

NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named insolvent will take place at the sitting of this court on May 30, 1923, to consider the granting of a certificate of conformity to the above-named insolvent.

By order of court, P. MORTIMER,
Kandy, April 23, 1923. Secretary.

In the District Court of Galle.

No. 494. In the matter of the insolvency of Mahadurage Martin of Dangedara in Galle.

NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named insolvent will take place at the sitting of this court on May 2, 1923, for the examination of the insolvent.

By order of court, RICHARD L. PERERA,
Galle, April 24, 1923. Secretary.

In the District Court of Galle.

No. 495. In the matter of the insolvency of Cassim Abdul Rasak of Mahamodera in Galle.

NOTICE is hereby given that a certificate of conformity as of the third class has been awarded to the above-named insolvent.

By order of court, RICHARD L. PERERA,
Galle, April 24, 1923. Secretary.

In the District Court of Galle.

No. 498. In the matter of the insolvency of Pattiniyadurage Juwanis of Galle Bazaar.

NOTICE is hereby given that a certificate of conformity as of the second class has been awarded to the above-named insolvent.

By order of court, RICHARD L. PERERA,
Galle, April 24, 1923. Secretary.

In the District Court of Galle.

No. 500. In the matter of the insolvency of Sinna Tamby Chetty Suppramaniam Chetty of Dangedara in Galle.

NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named insolvent will take place at the sitting of this court on May 7, 1923, for the public examination of the insolvent.

By order of court, RICHARD L. PERERA,
Galle, April 24, 1923. Secretary.

In the District Court of Galle.

No. 505. In the matter of the insolvency of Wappu Markar Mohamed Salie of Talapitiya in Galle.

WHEREAS Wappu Markar Mohamed Salie of Talapitiya in Galle has filed a declaration of insolvency, and a petition for the sequestration of his estate has also been filed by Neina Marikar Abdul Cafoor Marikar of Galle, under the Ordinance No. 7 of 1853: Notice is hereby given that the said court has adjudged the said Wappu Markar Mohamed Salie insolvent accordingly; and that two public sittings of

the court, to wit, on May 21, 1923, and on June 11, 1923, will take place for the said insolvent to surrender and conform to, agreeably to the provisions of the said Ordinance, and for the taking of the other steps set forth in the said Ordinance, of which creditors are hereby required to take notice.

By order of court, RICHARD L. PERERA,
Galle, April 20, 1923. Secretary.

In the District Court of Galle.

No. 506. In the matter of the insolvency of Assen Bawa Mohamed Cassim of Ettiligoda in Galle.

WHEREAS Assen Bawa Mohamed Cassim of Ettiligoda in Galle has filed a declaration of insolvency, and a petition for the sequestration of his estate has also been filed by Madduma Acharige Charleshamy of Minuwangoda in Galle, under the Ordinance No. 7 of 1853: Notice is hereby given that the said court has adjudged the said Assen Bawa Mohamed Cassim insolvent accordingly, and that two public sittings of the court, to wit, on May 28, 1923, and on June 18, 1923, will take place for the said insolvent to surrender and conform to, agreeably to the provisions of the said Ordinance, and for the taking of the other steps set forth in the said Ordinance, of which creditors are hereby required to take notice.

By order of court, RICHARD L. PERERA,
Galle, April 23, 1923. Secretary.

In the District Court of Kurunegala.

No. 84. In the matter of the insolvency of Anthony Manual Kagoo of Kurunegala.

WHEREAS Anthony Manual Kagoo has filed a declaration of insolvency, and a petition for the sequestration of the estate of A. M. Kagoo, under the Ordinance No. 7 of

1853: Notice is hereby given that the said court has adjudged the said A. M. Kagoo insolvent accordingly; and that two public sittings of the court, to wit, on May 11, 1923, and on June 15, 1923, will take place for the said insolvent to surrender and conform to, agreeably to the provisions of the said Ordinance, and for the taking of the other steps set forth in the said Ordinance, of which creditors are hereby required to take notice.

By order of court, GERALD E. DE ALWIS,
Kurunegala, April 16, 1923. Secretary.

In the District Court of Ratnapura.

No. 49. In the matter of the insolvency of Galatpattiguruge Don Simon de Silva of Ratnapura.

NOTICE is hereby given that the certificate meeting in the above matter has been adjourned to May 31, 1923.

By order of court, B. L. ABEYRATNE,
Ratnapura, April 18, 1923. Secretary.

In the District Court of Kegalla.

Insolvency In the matter of the insolvency of Yusubu Case No. 47. Lebbe Mohammado Ibrahim of Delgoda, Hingula.

NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named insolvent fixed to take place on April 19, 1923, has been postponed for June 5, 1923, being the adjourned second sitting of this court for the examination of the insolvent.

By order of court, K. RATNASINGHAM,
Kegalla, April 20, 1923. Secretary.

NOTICES OF FISCALS' SALES.

Western Province.

In the District Court of Colombo.

K. G. M. Perera of No. 33, Drieberg's lane, Dematagoda, Colombo Plaintiff.

No. 5,944. Vs.

J. Ratnasara of No. 88, Reservoir road, Dematagoda, Colombo Defendant.

NOTICE is hereby given that on Saturday, May 19, 1923, at 1 p.m., will be sold by public auction at No. 88, Reservoir road, Dematagoda, Colombo, the following movable property for the recovery of the sum of Rs. 470, with interest thereon at the rate of 9 per cent. per annum from August 16, 1922, till payment in full, less a sum of Rs. 100, viz.:-

Two Bombay wood settees, 8 rattan chairs, 4 bentwood chairs, 2 armchairs, 2 whatnots with drawers, 1 large mirror, 1 clock, 2 writing tables, 2 hanging lamps, 1 almirah, 1 brass spittoon, 2 teapots, 24 pictures, 1 toilet table, 1 almirah, 1 rattan matting, 1 old boiler, 1 Worthington boiler pump, 1 Worthington old engine.

Fiscal's Office,
Colombo, April 23, 1923.

W. DE LIVERA,
Deputy Fiscal. W. P.

In the District Court of Colombo.

Uswatteliyange Michail Richard Perera of Kala-eliya Plaintiff.

No. 6,133. Vs.

Uswatteliyange John Perera Jayasinha of Weligampitiya, Ja-ela Defendant.

NOTICE is hereby given that on Wednesday, May 23, 1923, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, will be sold by public auction at the premises the right, title, and interest of the said defendant in the following property for the recovery of the sum of Rs. 1,171.86 with legal interest thereon from September 7, 1922, till payment in full, and costs (not yet taxed), and less Rs. 83.20 credited to plaintiff, viz.:-

1. The northern defined portion of Dissawatta alias Millagahawatta, situated at Weligampitiya in the Ragam pattu of Alutkuru korale, in the District of Colombo; bounded on the north by the wire fence of the garden of Katchigoda Mahaneketige Juan Fernando, on the east by the high road, on the south by the portion of this land belonging to Stephen Perera Jayasinghe, Coroner, and on the west by land belonging to the heirs of Uswatteliyange Jusey Perera Muhuppu; containing in extent about 3 acres and 2 roods, together with the building in which the defendant resides and the plantations thereon.

Fiscal's Office,
Colombo, April 24, 1923.

W. DE LIVERA,
Deputy Fiscal. W. P.

In the District Court of Colombo.

P. R. S. P. L. Panniappa Chetty of Sea street,
Colombo Plaintiff.

No. 4,924.

H. A. Soysa of Lake Mount, Bandaragama in Panadure Defendant.

NOTICE is hereby given that on Saturday, May 26, 1923, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, will be sold by public auction at the premises the right, title, and interest of the said defendant in the following property for the recovery of Rs. 1,362.25, with legal interest thereon from May 17, 1922, till payment in full, and costs, less a sum of Rs. 180, viz. :—

An allotment of land called Delgahawatta, situated in the village Kotalawala, in Kumbuke pattu of Rayigam korale in Kalutara District, Western Province; and bounded on the north by Panugalgodahena of Don Seman Gunatileka and others, on the east by the land described in T. Ps. 203,658 and 203,659, on the south by Delkadadeniyakumbura-deniya of Pedrick and Delkadadeniyakumbura of Martin Vedarala and others, and on the west by Alubogahawatta *alias* Kaluachchigewatta of Singho Appu and others and Paranawatta of K. Seman Gunatilaka; containing in extent 5 acres 1 rood and 16 perches, and excluding therefrom a portion of land, containing in extent 2 roods and $\frac{1}{4}$ perch.

Deputy Fiscal's Office,
Kalutara, April 24, 1923.

H. SAMERESINGHA,
Deputy Fiscal.

In the District Court of Kalutara.

Siddamarakkalage Eusebius Fernando of Paiyagala Plaintiff.

No. 9,359.

Vs.

Don Francis Julian Jayawardene of Paiyagala .. Defendant.

NOTICE is hereby given that on Tuesday, May 22, 1923, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, will be sold by public auction at the premises the right, title, and interest of the said plaintiff in the following property for the recovery of Rs. 613.50, viz. :—

The soil, all the trees, and all the buildings standing thereon of the northern $\frac{6}{16}$ portion of Andiatchiyawatta, situated at Paiyagala in Kalutara totamune, in the District of Kalutara; and bounded on the north by the minor road leading to korale, east by ela, south by the remaining $\frac{10}{16}$ portion of this land, and west by high road; and containing in extent about 1 rood.

Deputy Fiscal's Office,
Kalutara, April 24, 1923.

H. SAMERESINGHA,
Deputy Fiscal.

In the District Court of Kalutara.

Bodiabaduge Carolis Perera of Desastara Kalutara. Plaintiff.

No. 10,579.

Vs.

Bodiabaduge Arnolis Perera of Desastara Kalutara Defendant.

NOTICE is hereby given that on Monday, May 21, 1923, commencing at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, will be sold by public auction at the respective premises the right, title, and interest of the said defendant in the following property for the recovery of Rs. 2,560, with interest on Rs. 2,000 at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum from March 28, 1922, till May 15, 1922, and thereafter at 9 per cent. per annum till payment in full, and costs Rs. 120.32, viz. :—

1. The soil trees and all the buildings standing thereon of lot No. 3 of Dombiwatta *alias* Mahawatta, bearing assessment No. 896, situated at Desastara Kalutara; and bounded on the north by lot No. 2 of this land, east by rail

road, south by the round road called Circular road, and west by lot No. 1 of this land; and containing in extent about 2 roods and $14 \frac{26}{45}$ perches.

2. Half share of the entire soil and of all the plantations standing thereon of lot No. 5 of Moderawatta, bearing assessment No. 964, situated at ditto; and bounded on the north by lot No. 6 of this land and Navasigahawatta, east by Kopparapitiya *alias* lot No. 1 of Bogahawatta, south by lot No. 4 of this land; and west by seashore; and containing in extent about 1 acre and 2 roods.

3. One-seventh of half share of the entire soil and of all the trees of lot No. 4 of Moderawatta, bearing assessment No. 965, situated at ditto; and bounded on the north by lot No. 5 of this land, east by Kopparapitiya *alias* Bogahawatta, south by lot No. 3 of this land, and west by seashore; and containing in extent about 1 acre and 2 roods.

4. One-seventh of half share of the soil and of the remaining trees, together with the planter's share of the 2nd plantation, half of the planter's share of the 3rd plantation standing thereon of lot No. 2 of Moderawatta, bearing assessment No. 967, situated at ditto; and bounded on the north by lot No. 3 of this land, east by Kopparapitiya *alias* lot No. 4 of Bogahawatta, south by lot No. 1 of this land, and west by seashore; and containing in extent 1 acre and 2 roods.

5. One-seventh share of the soil of the remaining trees and of the buildings standing thereon, together with the planter's share of the 2nd plantation, half of the planter's share of the 3rd plantation of lot No. 1 of Moderawatta, bearing assessment No. 967, situated at ditto; and bounded on the north by lot No. 2 of this land, east by Kopparapitiya *alias* lot No. 4 of Bogahawatta, south by a portion of Moderawatta wherein Sattambirallage Salmon Perera resides and Moderawatta belonging to M. F. Perera, and west by seashore; and containing in extent about 1 acre and 2 roods.

Deputy Fiscal's Office,
Kalutara, April 24, 1923.

H. SAMERESINGHA,
Deputy Fiscal.

Central Province.

In the District Court of Kandy.

Mudunkotgedera Sundera Veda of Wardiwela in Uda Dumbara Plaintiff.

No. 29,985.

Vs.

(1) Muturangwelligedera Hapumalee residing at Diggalagedera in Heenagama, (2) Diggalagedera Siyatu of Heenagama in Harispattu Defendants.

NOTICE is hereby given that on Saturday, May 26, 1923, commencing at 12 noon, will be sold by public auction at the respective premises the following property, mortgaged with the plaintiff by bond No. 8,141 dated September 9, 1919, and attested by E. S. Rajsekera of Kandy, Notary Public, and decreed to be sold under the decree entered in the above case for the recovery of the sum of Rs. 1,035.72 $\frac{1}{2}$, with interest on Rs. 821.25 at the rate of 9 per cent. per annum from November 24, 1922, till payment in full, and poundage, viz. :—

(1) The western 7 lahas in paddy sowing extent from the eastern 12 lahas of the field called Wellipelekumbura of 2 pelas belonging to Kahadeniya and of the field called Andiange of 1 pela, excepting 4 lahas of the last-named field, situate at Inigala in Kulugammanasiya pattu of Harispattu, in the District of Kandy, Central Province; and which said western 7 lahas are bounded on the east by the liminary ridge and posts of the field belonging to Galapitagedera Abubakkar Mamma Cassim, on the south and west by Patuwaniyare and liminary posts of the portion belonging to Saibu Lebbe, and on the north by the fence on the bank of Baronchi Appu's garden.

(2) An undivided $\frac{1}{2}$ of the northern 1 laha in paddy sowing extent of the garden called Kahadeniyawatta, situate at Inigala aforesaid; and which said northern 1 laha is bounded on the east by the bank of Atalahakumbura, on the south by the remaining portion of this land, on the west by the limit of the portion belonging to Madankera Unnanse *alias* Kahadeniyawatta, and on the north by the water-course of Dikpelekumbura.

(3) Pihilladeniyekumbura of 1 pela in paddy sowing extent, situate at Heenagama in Kulugammasiya pattu of Harispattu aforesaid; and bounded on the east by the limit of Heenegederekumbura, on the south by the limitary ridge of the field belonging to Kiri, on the west by the limitary ridge of the field belonging to Doolwalgēdera Belinda, and on the north by the limitary ridge of Araccilagekumbura alias Mudiyansegekumbura.

Fiscal's Office,
Kandy, April 24, 1923.

A. RANESINGHE,
Deputy Fiscal.

In the District Court of Kandy.

O. M. M. Kalith of Kandy, carrying on business under the name, style, and firm of O. L. M. Mohammado Abbe & Bros., Kandy Plaintiff.

No. 30,066. Vs.

I. L. S. Seyado Ahamado of Trincomalee street, Matale Defendant.

NOTICE is hereby given that on Monday, May 21, 1923, commencing at 12 noon, will be sold by public auction at the spot the right, title, and interest of the said defendant in the following property, viz:—All that land called Marikkartotum alias Muttusanngewatta of about 10 seers of kurakkan sowing extent, situate at Aluwihare in Gampahasiyapattuwa of Matale south; and bounded on the east by Trincomalee street, south by stone fence of Viharewatta, west by stone fence of Udugedarahena, and on the north by garden belonging to Ismail.

Amount of writ Rs. 655·36, with interest on Rs. 655·36 at 9 per cent. per annum from February 10, 1922, till payment in full, and poundage.

Deputy Fiscal's Office,
Matale, April 23, 1923.

C. SENARATNE,
Deputy Fiscal.

Southern Province.

In the District Court of Colombo.

(1) Walkey Edward Keell, (2) Harold Meredith Waldock and 2 others, carrying on business under the name, style, and firm of Keell & Waldock Plaintiffs.

No. 54,256. Vs.

Porawagamage Arnolis Silva of Polwatta, Ambalagoda Defendant.

NOTICE is hereby given that on Saturday, May 19, 1923, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, will be sold by public auction at the spot the right, title, and interest of the said defendant in the following property, viz:—

An allotment of land called Withaweladakunundumullekele in Opata village, Bentota, Walallawiti korale, Galle District, Southern Province; bounded on the north by reservation for a footpath; land claimed by natives, lot 4104 in P. P. 9,969 and T. Ps. 310,742, 310,744, 160,081, 310,746, 310,747, and 144,062, east by T. Ps. 144,062, 309,371, 310,739, 310,750, 342,392, and 310,736, reservation along the road and land claimed by natives, south by T. Ps. 310,743, 168,228, 310,738, 144,059, 143,866, 309,378, 144,060, and 144,061, and lot 4116 in P. P. 9,969, west by T. P. 144,061, land claimed by natives, and reservation for a footpath; containing in extent 35 acres 2 roods and 11 perches, according to the survey and description thereof authenticated by R. S. Templeton, Esq., Surveyor-General, bearing date June 26, 1915, No. 313,803.

Writ amount Rs. 2,029·44, with interest thereon at 9 per cent. per annum from October 17, 1920, till payment in full, and costs Rs. 407·27 and poundage.

Fiscal's Office,
Galle, April 18, 1923.

F. BARTLETT,
Fiscal.

In the District Court of Colombo.

Rawanna Mana Sona Muna Rawanna Mana Rana-swamy Pillai of Sea street, Colombo Plaintiff.
No. 6,142. Vs.

Poonam Kristombuge William de Silva of Polatumodera, in the Weligam korale of Matale District, Southern Province Defendant.

NOTICE is hereby given that on Saturday, May 26, 1923, at 9.30 in the forenoon, will be sold by public auction at the spot the right, title, and interest of the said defendant in the following mortgaged property for the recovery of a sum of Rs. 2,215, together with interest on Rs. 3,000 at 18 per cent. per annum from September 6, 1922, to September 7, 1922, and thereafter on the aggregate amount of the decree at 9 per cent. till payment in full, and costs Rs. 308·92, viz:—

All that undivided part or share of the soil and fruit trees (save and except the planter's half share of the third plantation) of the defined lot B and the entirety of the thatched house of 7 cubits standing thereon, and also the entirety of the newly built tiled house standing thereon, of the land called Elagorakagahahena alias Gaspahawatta, situated at Polatumodera, in the Weligam korale of the Matale District, Southern Province; which said defined lot B is bounded on the north by Halpandeniye godella, east by Halpandeniye godella and Hettigewatta, south by Elagorakagawahatta or Punchedewage Babis Padinchiwahitiyawatta, and west by Elagorakagahahena or lot A of the land Gaspahawatta; and containing in extent 3 roods and 1 perch.

Deputy Fiscal's Office,
Matale, April 21, 1923.

E. T. GOONEWARDENE,
Deputy Fiscal.

Eastern Province.

In the District Court of Trincomalee.

M. Tamoterampillai Plaintiff.
No. 895. Vs.

(1) Ilaiyatamby Visalatchy, (2) her husband V. Kadiravelu, (3) Ilaiyatamby Solumma, (4) her husband T. Subramaniam Defendants.

NOTICE is hereby given that the right, title, and interest of the defendants aforesaid, in the property as below, will be sold by public auction at the premises, on Saturday, May 19, 1923, to recover the amount of Rs. 561·33, costs, and poundage, to wit:—

An undivided half share of a piece of land, situate at Division No. 6, Trincomalee, together with the tiled house of 3 rooms, an ola-covered kitchen, well-sweep, and posts on this land, and share in well in the land adjoining belonging to Tankapillai, and right of way thereto; boundaries of the entire land are: north-east, Main street; south-east, land belonging to Sivapakiyam; north-west, road; and south-west, lane. Extent varies as 19·50 square perches and 18 square perches.

Fiscal's Office,
Trincomalee, April 17, 1923.

C. VELUPPILLAI,
Deputy Fiscal.

In the Court of Requests of Colombo.

S. V. S. T. Somasundaram Chetty, Sea street, Colombo Plaintiff.
No. 5,621. Vs.

(1) D. Rajaretnam of Trincomalee and (2) Strevelu, Fort, Colombo Defendants.

NOTICE is hereby given that on Saturday, May 19, 1923, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, will be sold by public auction at the premises the right, title, and interest of A. Sitrawatu, the 2nd defendant aforesaid, in the following property for the recovery of the amount of Rs. 333·05, with further interest and poundage, to wit:—

All that portion of land with three bankshall rooms tiled covered, belonging to the 2nd defendant aforesaid, with

share of well standing thereon, situate at Division No. 7, Trincomalee, boundaries: north, east, and south, roads; west, land belonging to Parupatipillai, wife of S. V. Selvadurai; extent, north to south 38 fathoms, east to west 19 fathoms.

Fiscal's Office,
Trincomalee, April 21, 1923.

C. VELUPPILLAI,
Deputy Fiscal.

North-Western Province.

In the District Court of Kurunegala.

(1) Kuna Mana Muna Kristnappa Chetty, (2) Kuna Mana Nana Meyappa Chetty by their attorney Sina Kana Rufina Palaniappa Chetty of Kurunegala Plaintiffs.
No. 8,214. Vs.

T. B. Delvita Basnayaka Nilame of Kurunegala, Defendant.

NOTICE is hereby given that on Thursday, May 31, 1923, at 1 P.M., will be sold by public auction at the premises the right, title, and interest of the said defendant in the following property, viz:—

All that garden and field Munkottiwewatta and Dombadeniya, now forming one property to extent 25 acres 2 roods and 3 perches, situated at Delvita in Madure korale of Weudawilli hatpattu, in the District of Kurunegala; and bounded on the north by fence and ditch of Pannagama, on the east by Gansabhawa road, on the south by fence of Anganpitiya and fence of Hapudeniya, and on the west by oya and Elawella.

Amount to be levied Rs. 448, with further interest on Rs. 300 at 24 per cent per annum from December 1, 1920, to this date of decree, and thereafter on the aggregate amount at 9 per cent, per annum till payment in full.

Fiscal's Office,
Kurunegala, April 23, 1923.

S. D. SAMARASINGHE,
Deputy Fiscal.

In the Additional Court of Kurunegala.

P. G. Paldano & Sons of Kurunegala Plaintiffs.
No. 26,374. Vs.

D. H. Ranasinha of Kuliyaipitiya Defendant.

NOTICE is hereby given that on Thursday, May 31, 1923, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, will be sold by public auction at the premises the right, title, and interest of the said defendant in the following property, viz:—

1. An undivided $\frac{1}{2}$ share of Bakmigahamulawatta of 7 lahas of kurakkan sowing extent; and bounded on the east by the land of Punchappu Naide, on the south by the land of Haramanis and others on the west by the Gansabhawa road and land of Punchappu Naide, and on the north by Minipitiya; with all the plantations thereon, situate at Bohingomuwa.

Amount to be levied Rs. 129.15, with legal interest on Rs. 105 from September 20, 1921, till payment in full.

Fiscal's Office,
Kurunegala, April 24, 1923.

S. D. SAMARASINGHE,
Deputy Fiscal.

In the District Court of Chilaw.

Liyanage John de Silva of Weeraha Plaintiff.
No. 5,751. Vs.

Hendrick Peries of Pilakatumulla and another.. Defendants.

NOTICE is hereby given that on Thursday, May 24, 1923, commencing at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, will be sold by public auction at the premises the right, title, and interest of the said defendants in the following property for the recovery of Rs. 1,562.40 and poundage, viz:—

(1) The field appearing in plan No. 60,858, situate at Thabbowa, in Meda palata of Pitigal korale south, in the District of Chilaw; and bounded on the north and north-

east by the field claimed by W. Arachchi Appuhamy and others, east by field claimed by W. Arachchi Appuhamy and others and Koswatu-oya, south and south-west by Koswatu-oya, and north-west by land reserved for public purposes; containing in extent about 31 acres and 3 roods.

(2) The divided portion bearing letter A of the land called Kumbura, situate at Thabbowa aforesaid; and bounded on the north by land of Dominikku Fernando, east by portion of this land belonging to Stella Peiris, south by Koswatu-oya, and west by Elakanda; containing in extent 1 acre 2 roods and 35 perches.

(3) The divided portion bearing letter B of the land called Kumbura, situate at Thabbowa aforesaid; and bounded on the north by field, east by portion of this land bearing letter C, south by Koswatu-oya, and west by portion of this land bearing letter A; containing in extent 1 acre 2 roods and 36 perches.

(4) The divided portion bearing letter C of the land called Kumbura, situate at Thabbowa aforesaid; and bounded on the north by field, east by portion of this land bearing letter D, south by Koswatu-oya, and west by portion of this land bearing letter B; containing in extent 1 acre 2 roods and 27 perches.

(5) The divided portion bearing letter D of the land called Kumbura, situate at Thabbowa aforesaid; and bounded on the north by field, east by portion of this land bearing letter E, south by Koswatu-oya, and west by portion of this land bearing letter C; containing in extent 1 acre and 33 perches.

(6) The divided portion bearing letter E of the land called Kumbura, situate at Thabbowa aforesaid; and bounded on the north by field, east by portion of this land bearing letter F, south by Koswatu-oya, and west by portion of this land bearing letter D; containing in extent 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ perches.

(7) The divided portion bearing letter F of the land called Kumbura, situate at Thabbowa aforesaid; and bounded on the north by field, east by portion of this land bearing letter G, south by Koswatu-oya, and west by portion of this land bearing letter E; containing in extent 1 acre and 33 perches.

(8) The divided portion bearing letter G of the land called Kumbura, situate at Thabbowa aforesaid; and bounded on the north by field, east by portion of this land bearing letter H, south by Koswatu-oya, and west by a portion of this land bearing letter F; containing in extent 1 acre and 33 perches.

(9) The divided portion bearing letter H of the land called Kumbura, situate at Thabbowa aforesaid; and bounded on the north by field, east by portion of this land marked letter I, south by Koswatu-oya, and west by portion of this land bearing letter G; containing in extent 1 acre and 33 perches.

(10) The divided portion bearing letter I of the land called Kumbura, situate at Thabbowa aforesaid; and bounded on the north by field, east by portion of this land bearing letter J, south by Koswatu-oya, and west by portion of this land bearing letter H; containing in extent 2 roods and 16 perches.

(11) The divided portion bearing letter J of the land called Kumbura, situate at Thabbowa aforesaid; and bounded on the north by field, east by railway line, south by Koswatu-oya, and west by portion of this land bearing letter I; containing in extent 1 acre and 38 perches.

(12) The divided portion bearing letter K of the land called Kumbura, situate at Thabbowa aforesaid; and bounded on the north by field, east by portion of this land bearing letter L, south by Koswatu-oya, and west by portion of this land bearing letter J; containing in extent 1 acre 2 roods and 18 perches.

(13) The divided portion bearing letter L of the land called Kumbura, situate at Thabbowa aforesaid; and bounded on the north by field, east by portion of this land bearing letter M, south by Koswatu-oya, and west by portion of this land bearing letter K; containing in extent 2 roods and 16 perches.

(14) The divided portion bearing letter M of the land called Kumbura, situate at Thabbowa aforesaid; and bounded on the north by field, east by portion of this land bearing letter N, south by Koswatu-oya, and west by portion of this land bearing letter L; containing in extent 1 acre and 33 perches.

(15) The divided portion bearing letter N of the land called Kumbura, situate at Thabbowa aforesaid; and bounded on the north by field, east by portion of this land bearing letter O, south by Koswatu-oya, and west by portion of this land bearing letter M; containing in extent 1 rood and 5 perches.

(16) The divided portion bearing letter P of the land called Kumbura, situate at Thabbowa aforesaid; and bounded on the north and east by field, south by Koswatu-oya, and west by portion of this land bearing letter O; containing in extent 7 acres and 37 perches.

Deputy Fiscal's Office,
Chilaw, April 24, 1923.

A. BASNAYAKE,
Deputy Fiscal.

Province of Sabaragamuwa.

In the District Court of Ratnapura.

(1) Suddasinha Mohottallaye Hendrick Appuhamy of Pussella, (2) Lellopitiye Waturanage Mohottiamy of Dela Plaintiffs.

No. 3,508. Vs.

The Doloswala Tea and Rubber Estate Company, Limited, by their agents Carson & Company of Colombo Defendants.

H. D. Thornton of Colombo, attorney of P. D. G. Clark, presently of Edinburgh Added Defendant.

NOTICE is hereby given that on May 19, 1923, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, will be sold by public auction at the premises the right, title, and interest of the said added defendant in the following property for the recovery of the sum of Rs. 1,082.95 and poundage. All the right, title, and interest of the added defendant as lessee in the following lands, viz. :—

1. An undivided $\frac{1}{2}$ share of Nahalwaturalagepanguwa with the trees and plantations standing thereon; bounded on the north by Mellawaladeniyehena or Pelawattapanguwehena and Ellawalahena, east by Uyanwatte Galahitiye Mudiyanseyepanguwa and Agurukarapanguwa, south by Bogahaheneindiwiya, and west by Bogahadola and the village boundary of Doloswala; containing in extent 103 acres 3 roods and 38 perches; excluding therefrom the land called Kapugashena of the extent of 11 acres belonging to the estate of Doloswala; bounded on the north and west by Bogahadola, east and south by dola and chena lands of Nahalwaturapanguwa.

2. The whole of Galketiyehehena, Ellawattahena, and Tembildeniyehena; bounded on the north by Kankanadeniyehena and hena belonging to Durapanguwa and lands belonging to Mrs. Obeysekera, east by lands belonging to Mrs. Obeysekera, Walakadawatta, and Talagampolapanguwa, south by Puhuarambodola and Kolombugama-panguwa, west by Asselumekumbura belonging to Punchinachchire and others and Galkadewatta belonging to Bindunaide and others and Gansabhawa road; containing in extent 60 acres 3 roods and 16 perches.

3. The whole of Gangagawahena, Kekillehenenindehena; together bounded on the north by Kolombugama-ganga and land belonging to Kirinaide and others, east by Kankanamdeniya and Pahalakandepanguwa, south and west by lands belonging to Mrs. Obeysekera; containing in extent 51 acres 1 rood and 21 perches.

4. The whole of Induranehena, Wanumelhehena, Tennahena, and Wewagawahena; bounded on the north by Induranegalahitiyahena, Induranedeniya, and fields of Baddegepanguwa, east by Galahitiyemudiyanseyekumbura and fields of Baddegepanguwa, south by Kolombugama-ganga, and west by Galahitiyenilamegemigahahena and Pelawattapanguwa and Batehena; containing in extent 39 acres 1 rood and 7 perches.

5. The whole of Medagodahena; bounded on the north by Loggehena, east by lands belonging to Baddegepanguwa, south by Induranedeniya belonging to Baddegepanguwa and fields, and west by fields and Galahitiyehenya; containing in extent 9 acres and 1 rood.

6. The whole of Okandagehena, Bunwalehena; bounded on the north and east by Kolombugama-ganga, south by

lands belonging to Doloswala people, and west by Angurukarapanguwehena and Kankanahena; containing in extent 70 acres and 14 perches, all situate at Kolombugama in the District of Ratnapura.

Fiscal's Office,
Ratnapura, April 23, 1923.

R. E. D. ABEYARATNA,
Deputy Fiscal.

In the District Court of Colombo.

(1) R. M. M. S. T. Vyranam Chetty and (2) R. M. S. Ramasamy Chetty, both of Sea street, Colombo Plaintiffs.
No. 4,471. Vs.

(1) Edmund Clarke de Fonseka and (2) Evangelina Marian de Fonseka, both of Bambalapitiya, Colombo Defendants.

NOTICE is hereby given that on Wednesday, May 23, 1923, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, will be sold by public auction at the premises the following property specially mortgaged and decreed to be sold by the decree entered in the above case for the recovery of the sum of Rs. 91,012.50, with interest on Rs. 85,000 at $13\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. per annum from March 27, 1922, till September 14, 1922, and thereafter further interest on the aggregate amount at $13\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. per annum till payment in full, and costs, viz. :—

1. All that and those the estate, plantation, and premises called or known as Massenna comprising the following allotments of land, to wit, all those the two in one annexed parts of the late Crown forest land called Massennamukalana, situate near the village of Balangoda, in Helauda palata of Meda korale, four miles from the high road to Ratnapura and thirty miles from Ratnapura in the Ratnapura District, Province of Sabaragamuwa; one, bounded on the north by Government lands, Pittygalle, and Munugallekanda, on the east by the other part of Massennamukalana, on the south by land applied for by Mr. William Stewart, and on the west by Massendgama; containing in extent 589 acres 1 rood and $39\frac{1}{2}$ perches; and the other, bounded on the north-east by Government land, Bambarabottokanda, on the south-east by Government land, on the south-west by Bambaragallehena claimed by Hurawella Wattukarayar and others, and on the north-west by the other part of this forest; containing in extent 557 acres $39\frac{1}{2}$ perches, according to the title plan thereof No. 45,361 dated December 13, 1841, authenticated by F. B. Norris, Surveyor-General (excluding, however, therefrom a portion in extent 150 acres, sold and transferred to Dr. L. A. White by deed dated December 13, 1877, attested by A. O. Joseph of Colombo, Notary Public).

2. All that portion of land called Massennamukalana, situate in the village Balangoda aforesaid; bounded on the north, west, and south by land supposed to belong to Government, and on the east by a portion of Massenna estate claim No. 45,361 of which it is a portion; containing in extent 150 acres.

3. All those two contiguous allotments or portions of land, namely, the lot marked B in the plan thereof dated August 18, 1918, made by Philip Fowke, Licensed Surveyor, being a divided portion of the land described in title plan No. 136,836 and the lot marked D in the said plan, being a divided portion of the land described in title plan No. 109,315, situate in Massenna village in Helauda palata; in Meda korale aforesaid; and bounded on the north by lot marked A in the said plan, being the remaining portion of the land described in the said title plan No. 186,836, and the lot marked C in the said plan, being the remaining portion of the land described in the said plan No. 109,315, on the east by the road from Massenna estate to Balangoda and land described in title plan No. 136,813, on the south by land claimed by natives, land claimed by Hatana, land claimed by D. Banda, a road, Nahalmeela, land described in title plan No. 77,495, land claimed by P. Kirimenika and others, land claimed by Maddumaya, and land claimed by Banda, and on the west by Massenna estate the property of E. C. de Fonseka; containing in extent 115 acres 3 roods and 30 perches, according to the said plan dated August 18, 1918, made by the said Philip Fowke.

4. All that tract of high ground called Meddaykandamukalana, situate in Meddekanda in Helauda palata aforesaid; and bounded on the north by the property of

Mr. James Stewart, on the east by the property of Mr. William Stewart, on the south-west and west by waste private property; containing in extent 186 acres 3 roods and 72/100 perch according to title plan thereof No. 47,509 dated February 2 and March 20, 1844, authenticated by the said F. B. Norris, subject to the primary mortgage thereon created by bond No. 2,577 dated February 2, 1921, attested by E. L. de Silva of Ratnapura, Notary Public, for Rs. 27,000 and interest in favour of A. R. M. Raman Chetty of Ratnapura.

Fiscal's Office, R. E. D. ABEYARATNA,
Ratnapura, April 18, 1923. Deputy Fiscal.

In the District Court of Kegalla.

Charles Peiris of Durdans, Colpetty, Colombo.....Plaintiff.

No. 5,518. Vs.

(1) A. Thelenis Appuhamy of Godapola, (2) J. A. Appuhamy of ditto, (3) P. E. Ausadahamy of Ranawana.....Defendants.

NOTICE is hereby given that on May 19, 1923, commencing at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, will be sold by public auction at the respective premises the right, title, and interest of the said 2nd and 3rd defendants in the following property, viz. :—

1. An undivided 1/4 share of Makuluwakumbura of 1 amunam paddy sowing in extent, situated at Godapola in Gandolaha pattu; and bounded on the north by Siyambalawakumbura, west by Muttettuwakumbura, south by Appuhamigekumbura, and east by Appuhamigewatta.

2. The contiguous two lands (high and low) called Gedaragawakumbura and Egodahena of 5 pelas paddy sowing in extent, situated at Ranawana in Gandolaha pattu; and bounded on the east by Mudiyanselagahena and mukalana, south by the limit of Mudiyanselagewatta, west by the limit of Peellagawahena, and north by the limit of Polwattehena.

3. Pahaladeniya of 6 pelas paddy sowing in extent, situated at Ranawana aforesaid; and bounded on the east by the limitary ridge of Mudiyanselagewatta, south by mukalana, west by the limitary ridge of Walawwekumbura, and north by Bomaluwehena.

To levy a sum of Rs. 1,000 only, without costs.

Deputy Fiscal's Office, L. GOONAWARDANA,
Kegalla, April 23, 1923. Deputy Fiscal.

In the District Court of Kegalla.

K. T. Karnolis de Silva of Kansalagomuwa.....Plaintiff.

No. 5,881. Vs.

A. M. Mohamradu Ali of Karandapone.....Defendant.

NOTICE is hereby given that on May 22, 1923, commencing at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, will be sold by public auction at the respective premises the right, title, and interest of the said defendant in the following property, viz. :—

1. The land called Nikatennchena of 10 acres in extent, situated at Pallearandupone; and bounded on the north by Kuda-oya, south by endaruweta, east by endaru fence, and west by ditch.

2. The land called Pelwattehena of 5 acres in extent, situated at Palle Karandupone; and bounded on the north by ela, south by galenda; east by endaruweta, west by limitary ridge of Paliyagakumbura.

3. Kondeniyeherawatta of 6 acres in extent, situated at Karandupone; and bounded on the north by Velupullewatta, east by endaruweta, south by galenda, and west by the ditch.

4. Maimbulwalahenewatta of 2 acres in extent, situated at Karandupone; and bounded on the north by endaru fence of the land belonging to Siyatu, east by ela, south by endaru fence of the land belonging to Panchirala, Arachchi, and west by the endaru fence.

5. Asseddumakumbura of 1 pela paddy sowing in extent, situated at Puwakdeniya; and bounded on the north by Mahakumbura, east by ela, south by Asseddumakumbura, and west by the row of trees and the limitary ridge.

6. Badahelagewatta of 12 1/2 lahas of paddy sowing in extent, situated at Pallearandupone; and bounded on the north by the high road, east by Pallekumbura, south by watta, and west by the limitary ridge of Rankira's kumbura.

7. Pilanuwewatta of 2 acres in extent, situated at Karandupone; and bounded on the north by Kuda-oya, east by bridge, south by high road, west by bridge.

8. Hapugekumbura of 2 pelas paddy sowing in extent, situated at Padidora; bounded on the north by limit of Hapugaskumbura, Udahakumbura, east by watta, belonging to Siriya, south by limitary ridge of Kiridurayagekumbura, and west by Peellamulawatta.

To levy Rs. 557.79, with legal interest on Rs. 456.04 from November 8, 1921, till payment in full.

Deputy Fiscal's Office, L. GOONAWARDANA,
Kegalla, April 23, 1923. Deputy Fiscal.

NOTICES IN TESTAMENTARY ACTIONS.

In the District Court of Colombo.

Testamentary In the Matter of the Estate and Effects of
Jurisdiction. Adambarage Anthnis de Alwis of Mutwal
No. 1,088. in Colombo, deceased.

Lindamulage Roselyn de Alwis of Mutwal in
Colombo.....Petitioner.

And

Adambarage Jocolis de Alwis of Wellawatta in
Colombo.....Respondent.

THIS matter coming on for disposal before K. Balasingham, Esq., Acting District Judge of Colombo, on December 1, 1922, in the presence of Mr. C. B. Dias, Proctor, on the part of the petitioner above named; and the affidavit of the said petitioner dated November 27, 1922, having been read:

It is ordered that the petitioner be and she is hereby declared entitled, as widow of the above named deceased, to have letters of administration to his estate issued to her, unless the respondent above named or any other person or

persons interested shall, on or before March 22, 1923, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

December 1, 1922. K. BALASINGHAM,
District Judge.

The date for showing cause against the Order Nisi is extended to May 3, 1923.

March 22, 1923. V. M. FERNANDO,
Acting District Judge.

In the District Court of Colombo.

Order Nisi.

Testamentary In the Matter of the Last Will and Te-
Jurisdiction. ment of Colamba Mahapatabeni
No. 1,200. Gabriel Peiris, late of Galkissa in
Palle pattu of Salpiti korale, deceased.

Josy Bedin Fernando of Galkissa in the Palle pattu
of Salpiti korale.....Petitioner.

THIS matter coming on for disposal before V. M. Fernando, Esq., Acting District Judge of Colombo, on March 23, 1923, in the presence of Mr. J. P. Rodrigo,

Proctor, on the part of the petitioner above named; and the affidavits (1) of the said petitioner dated March 17, 1923, and (2) of the attesting notary and witness also dated March 17, 1923, having been read:

It is ordered that the last will of Colamba Mahapatabendige Gabriel Peiris, deceased, of which the original has been produced and is now deposited in the court, be and the same is hereby declared proved; and it is further declared that the petitioner is the executrix named in the said will, and that she is entitled to have probate thereof issued to her accordingly, unless any person or persons interested shall, on or before May 3, 1923, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

March 23, 1923.

V. M. FERNANDO,
District Judge.

In the District Court of Colombo.

Order Nisi.

Testamentary In the Matter of the Intestate Estate Jurisdiction. of the late Rajapaksepathirage Don No. 1,179. Marthinu Appuhamy of Dalugama, deceased.

Aratchi Appuhamillage Dona Sophia Rajapakse of Galagedara in Kandy Petitioner.

And

(1) Rajapaksepathirage Don William of Madulkele, (2) ditto Don Barlon of Dalugama, (3) ditto Dona Margaret Alexander, (4) ditto Don Robert Macmicol, (5) ditto Alfred Michael, (6) ditto Edmund Nelson, (7) ditto Bennet Andrew, all of Galagedara. Respondents.

THIS matter coming on for disposal before W. S. de Saram, Esq., District Judge of Colombo, on February 29, 1923, in the presence of Mr. D. A. Dissanayake, Proctor, on the part of the petitioner above named; and the affidavit of the said petitioner dated February 18, 1923, having been read: It is ordered that the petitioner be and she is hereby declared entitled, as widow of the above-named deceased, to have letters of administration to his estate issued to her, unless the respondents above named or any other person or persons interested shall, on or before May 3, 1923, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

February 27, 1923.

V. M. FERNANDO,
District Judge.

In the District Court of Colombo.

Order Nisi.

Testamentary In the Matter of the Intestate Estate of Jurisdiction. the late Edirisingha Aratchige Don No. 1,197. Davith alias Don Davith Edirisingha, Police Headman of Pelanwatta, deceased.

Don Pedrick Edirisingha of Pelanwatta in the Palle pattu of Salpiti Korale Petitioner.

And

(1) Thaipulli Acheige Dona Leonora Hamije, (2) Don Gilbert Edirisingha, (3) Don Charles Edirisingha, (4) Dona Missy Nona Edirisingha, all of Pelanwatta aforesaid Respondents.

THIS matter coming on for disposal before W. S. de Saram, Esq., District Judge of Colombo, on March 20, 1923, in the presence of Mr. N. J. S. Cooray, Proctor, on the part of the petitioner above named; and the affidavit of the said petitioner dated March 6, 1923, having been read:

It is ordered that the petitioner be and he is hereby declared entitled, as son of the above-named deceased to have letters of administration to his estate issued to him, unless the respondents above named or any other person or persons interested shall, on or before May 3, 1923, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

March 20, 1923.

V. M. FERNANDO,
District Judge.

In the District Court of Colombo.

Order Nisi.

Testamentary In the Matter of the Estate and Effects of Jurisdiction. Elaris Perera Sundarasekera Samarasinghe, Vidane Arachchi of Siharamulla in Kelaniya in the Adikari pattu of Siyane korale, deceased. No. 1,199.

Isabella Perera Samarasinghe of Siharamulla in Kelaniya aforesaid Petitioner.

And

(1) Sirigina Catharine Samarasinghe, (2) Sylvia Madline Samarasinghe, (3) Clarice Sophia Samarasinghe, (4) Mary Florence Samarasinghe, (5) Sylvia Dansi Samarasinghe, (6) Josephine Samarasinghe, all of Kelaniya aforesaid, (7) Jayakodi Mudiyanse-lage Gratiaen Perera Wattedgama Ellanganratne, of Urugala Post Office in Kandy, (8) Jayakodi Mudiyanse-lage Sam Walter Perera Wattedgama Ellanganratne, (9) Jayakodi Mudiyanse-lage Florence Henrietta Perera Wattedgama Ellanganratne, both of Urugala Post Office, Kandy, (10) Don Henricus Leopold Wickramasinghe Jayasekera of Talwatta in Adikari pattu of Siyane korale Respondents.

THIS matter coming on for disposal before W. S. de Saram, Esq., District Judge of Colombo, on March 20, 1923, in the presence of Messrs. Pereira & Dias, Proctors, on the part of the petitioner above named; and the affidavit of the said petitioner dated March 13, 1923, having been read:

It is ordered that the petitioner be and she is hereby declared entitled, as widow of the above-named deceased, to have letters of administration to his estate issued to her, unless the respondents above named or any other person or persons interested shall, on or before May 3, 1923, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

March 20, 1923.

V. M. FERNANDO,
District Judge.

In the District Court of Colombo.

Order Nisi.

Testamentary In the Matter of the Joint Last Will and Jurisdiction. Testament of Peter Richard Mendis (deceased) and Mary Philomen Loyalla Mendis of Campbell place in Colombo. No. 1,207.

Mary Philomen Loyalla Mendis of Colombo aforesaid Petitioner.

THIS matter coming on for disposal before V. M. Fernando, Esq., District Judge of Colombo, on March 28, 1923, in the presence of Mr. J. G. de S. Wijeyaratne, Proctor, on the part of the petitioner above named; and the affidavits (1) of the said petitioner dated January 18, 1923, and (2) of the attesting notary dated January 23, 1923, having been read:

It is ordered that the last will of Peter Richard Mendis, deceased, of which the original has been produced and is now deposited in this court, be and the same is hereby declared proved; and it is further declared that the petitioner is the executrix named in the said will, and that she is entitled to have probate thereof issued to her accordingly, unless any person or persons interested shall, on or before May 10, 1923, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

March 28, 1923.

V. M. FERNANDO,
District Judge.

In the District Court of Colombo.

Order Nisi.

Testamentary In the Matter of the Estate and Effects of Jurisdiction. Catherine Elizabeth Vera Louise Herault No. 1,210. Doveton Wall, also known as Vera Doveton Wall of St. Helens, Westport, County Mayo in Ireland, deceased.

THIS matter coming on for disposal before V. M. Fernando, Esq., Acting Second Additional District Judge of Colombo, on April 23, 1923, in the presence of Messrs. F. J. & G. de Saram, Proctors, on the part of the petitioner James

John Park of Colombo; and (1) the affidavit of the said petitioner dated April 11, 1923, (2) the power of attorney dated January 3, 1923, (3) the order of the Supreme Court dated March 27, 1923, having been read: It is ordered that the said James John Park is the attorney in Ceylon of the husband and sole heir of the above-named Catherine Elizabeth Vera Louise Herault Doveton Wall, also known as Vera Doveton Wall, deceased, and as such entitled to have letters of administration issued to him accordingly, unless any person or persons interested shall, on or before May 10, 1923, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

V. M. FERNANDO,

April 23, 1923. Acting Second Additional District Judge.

In the District Court of Negombo.

Order Nisi.

30
Testamentary In the Matter of the Intestate of Wama-
Jurisdiction. kulasuriya Peter Croos of Katana,
No. 2,090. deceased.

THIS matter coming on for disposal before F. D. Peries, Esq., District Judge of Negombo, on March 20, 1923, in the presence of Messrs. Goonewardene & Fernando, Proctors, on the part of the petitioner Wama-kulasuriya Mary Agida Fernando of Katana; and the affidavit of the said petitioner dated March 18, 1923, having been read:

It is ordered that the 4th respondent be and is hereby appointed as guardian *ad litem* over the minors 1st to 3rd for the purpose of this testamentary action, unless sufficient cause be shown to the contrary on or before April 18, 1923.

It is further ordered that the petitioner be and she is hereby declared entitled, as the widow of the said deceased above named, and that letters of administration do issue to her accordingly, unless the respondents (1) W. S. Mary Josephine Dotti Croos, (2) ditto Dionysius Croos, (3) ditto Patrick Herald Croos, (4) ditto Juan Croos of Katana, or any other person or persons interested shall, on or before April 18, 1923, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court on the contrary.

March 20, 1923.

F. D. PERIES,
District Judge.

Time extended to show cause against the *Order Nisi* being made absolute till May 2, 1923.

April 16, 1923.

F. D. PERIES,
District Judge.

In the District Court of Negombo.

Order Nisi.

23
Testamentary In the Matter of the Intestate Estate of the
Jurisdiction. late Singappuliradage Singa of Balabowa,
No. 2,099. deceased.

THIS matter coming on for disposal before F. D. Peries, Esq., District Judge of Negombo, on March 27, 1923, in the presence of Mr. E. H. de Zoysa, Proctor, on the part of the petitioner Singappuliradage Abiya of Balabowa in Dasiya pattu of the Alutkuru korale; and the affidavit of the said petitioner dated March 24, 1923, having been read: It is ordered that the petitioner be and he is hereby declared entitled, as a son of the deceased above named, to administer the estate of the said deceased, and that letters of administration do issue to him accordingly, unless the respondents (1) Singappuliradage Babanchi, (2) ditto Seeti, (3) ditto Joranis, (4) ditto Porlentina, all of Balabowa in Dasiya pattu of Alutkuru korale, or any other person or persons interested shall, on or before May 2, 1923, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

March 27, 1923.

F. D. PERIES,
District Judge.

In the District Court of Negombo.

Order Nisi.

29
Testamentary In the Matter of the Estate and Effects of
Jurisdiction. Ratnayaka Mudalige Piloris Perera of
No. 2,101. Pamunuwa in Dasiya pattu of the
Alutkuru korale, deceased.

THIS matter coming on for disposal before S. C. Sansoni, Esq., Acting District Judge of Negombo, on April 9, 1923, in the presence of Mr. D. W. Samarasinghe, Proctor, on the

part of the petitioner Subasinghe Arachchige Sarah de Cornelia Wijewardena Jayatillaka; and the affidavit of the said petitioner dated April 4, 1923, having been read:

It is ordered that the petitioner be and she is hereby declared entitled, as the widow of the said deceased, to administer the estate of the said deceased above named, and that letters of administration do issue to her accordingly, unless the respondents (1) J. P. S. Ratnayaka of Pamunuwa, (2) Ratnayaka Mudalige Johana Perera of Halgastota, assisted by her husband, (3) Balasurige Juan Perera of ditto, (4) Ratnayaka Mudalige Carolis Perera of Pamunuwa, (5) Ratnayaka Mudalige Cornelia Perera of Dunagaha, assisted by her husband (6) Subasinghe Arachchige James Perera Jayatillaka, a prisoner in the Negombo jail, (7) Ratnayaka Mudalige Johannes Perera of Pamunuwa, or any other person or persons interested shall, on or before May 8, 1923, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

April 9, 1923.

S. C. SANSONI,
Acting District Judge.

In the District Court of Kandy.

Order Nisi declaring Will proved, etc.

Testamentary In the Matter of the Estate of the late
Jurisdiction. James Frederick William Gore, deceased,
No. 3,994. of Sirimalwatta in Udagampaha, Lower
Dumbara, Kandy.

THIS matter coming on for disposal before Paulus Edward Pieris, Doctor of Letters, District Judge, Kandy, on March 29, 1923, in the presence of Messrs. Liesching & Lee, Proctors, on the part of the petitioner Suna Karuppen's daughter Kana Viri of Sirimalwatta; and the affidavit of the said petitioner dated March 24, 1923, and her petition and the affidavit of the notary (who attested the will) dated March 27, 1922, having been read:

It is ordered that the will of the deceased James Frederick William Gore dated July 26, 1917, and now deposited in this court, be and the same is hereby declared proved, unless any person or persons interested shall, on or before May 3, 1923, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

It is further ordered that the said Suna Karuppen's daughter Kana Viri is the executrix named in the said will, and that she is entitled to have probate of the same issued to her accordingly, unless any person or persons interested shall, on or before May 3, 1923, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

March 29, 1923.

P. E. PIERIS,
District Judge.

In the District Court of Kandy.

Order Absolute declaring Will proved, etc.

Testamentary In the Matter of the Last Will and Testa-
Jurisdiction. ment of Miss Harriet Elizabeth Murray,
No. 3,997. deceased, late of 32, Mount Park road,
Ealing, in the County of Middlesex,
Spinster, formerly of Elkaduwa Group,
Central Province, Kandy.

THIS matter coming on for disposal before Paulus Edward Pieris, Doctor of Letters, District Judge, Kandy, on April 19, 1923, in the presence of Messrs. Liesching & Lee, Proctors, on the part of the petitioners Harry Leonard Murray of Eila estate, Yatiyantota, and Frank Murray of Digowa estate, Parakaduwa; and the affidavit of the said petitioners dated March 31, 1922, and their petition having been read:

It is ordered that the will of the said Harriet Elizabeth Murray, deceased, dated July 27, 1918, and now deposited in this court be and the same is hereby declared proved.

It is further declared that the said petitioners Harry Leonard Murray and Frank Murray are the executors named in the said will, and that they are entitled to have letters of administration, with a copy of the will annexed, issued to them accordingly.

April 19, 1923.

P. E. PIERIS,
District Judge.

In the District Court of Galle.
Order Nisi declaring Will proved.

Testamentary In the Matter of the Last Will and Testa-
Jurisdiction. ment of Charles de Silva Wijenayaka,
No. 5,704. deceased, of Metiwala.

THIS matter coming on for disposal before A. P. Boone, Esq., District Judge, Galle, on March 29, 1923, in the presence of Mr. K. T. P. Rajacaruna, on the part of the petitioner Nagahawattegey Dona Elizabeth Dias Hamine of Metiwala; and the affidavit of the said petitioner dated January 18, 1923, and that of the attesting witnesses to the last will dated February 16, 1923, having been read:

It is ordered that the will of Charles de Silva Wijenayaka, deceased, dated September 5, 1922, be and the same is hereby declared proved, unless the respondents—(1) Robert Vincent Wijenayaka, (2) Robert Richard Wijenayaka, (3) Robert Henry Wijenayaka, (4) Charlotte Harriett Wijenayaka, and (5) David Wijenayaka of Yata-gama—shall, on or before May 10, 1923, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

It is further ordered that the said petitioner is the executor named in the said will, and that she as such is entitled to have probate of the same issued to her accordingly, unless the respondents shall, on or before May 10, 1923, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

C. E. DE VOS,
March 29, 1923. District Judge.

In the District Court of Galle.
Order Nisi.

Testamentary In the Matter of the Estate of the late
Jurisdiction. Bawa Lebbe Sinna Lebbe, deceased, of
No. 5,709. Brahmanawatta in Welitara.

THIS matter coming on for disposal before T. B. Russell, Esq., District Judge, Galle, on March 6, 1923, in the presence of Mr. H. J. M. Wickramaratne, Proctor, on the part of the petitioner Uduma Lebbe Aninu Umma of Brahmanawatta in Welitara; and the affidavit of the said petitioner dated June 7, 1922, having been read: It is ordered that the said petitioner, as widow of the deceased above named, is entitled to have letters of administration issued to him accordingly, unless the respondents, viz., (1) Sinna Lebbe Pavilate Umma, (2) ditto Vasilat Umma, (3) ditto Anith-Umma, (4) ditto Abdul Wahudu, (5) Meera Lebbe Abdul Cader, all of Beruwala in Kalutara District, shall, on or before April 19, 1923, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

It is further ordered that the said 5th respondent be appointed guardian *ad litem* over the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th respondents, unless the said respondents shall, on or before April 19, 1923, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

T. B. RUSSELL,
March 6, 1923. District Judge.

Extended to May 3, 1923.

A. P. BOONE,
District Judge.

In the District Court of Galle.
Order Nisi.

Testamentary In the Matter of the Estate of the late
Jurisdiction. Mada Mohideen Rawter Pulle, deceased,
No. 5,740. of Galle.

THIS matter coming on for disposal before T. B. Russell, Esq., District Judge of Galle, on March 16, 1923, in the presence of Mr. J. A. Sethukavaler, Proctor, on the part of the petitioner Rawter Pulle Seyadu Mohideen of Galle; and the affidavit of the said petitioner dated March 13, 1923, having been read:

It is ordered that the said petitioner, as eldest son of the deceased above named, is entitled to have letters of administration issued to him accordingly, unless the respondents, viz., (1) Segu Pathumma, (2) Rawther Pulle Kachi Mohamadu, and (3) Rawter Pulle Mohammadu, all of Galle, shall, on or before May 3, 1923, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

March 16, 1923.

A. P. BOONE,
District Judge.

In the District Court of Galle.
Order Nisi.

Testamentary In the Matter of the Estate of the late
Jurisdiction. Sayed Ali Lebbe Umma Habeeba,
No. 5,754. deceased, of Dangedera, Galle.

THIS matter coming on for disposal before C. E. de Vos, Acting District Judge, Galle, on April 7, 1923, in the presence of Mr. A. M. Saheed, Proctor, on the part of the petitioner Abdurahuman Lebbe Mohamed of Dangedera in Galle; and the affidavit of the said petitioner dated April 5, 1923, having been read: It is ordered that the said petitioner, as husband of the deceased above named, is entitled to have letters of administration issued to him accordingly, unless the respondents, viz., (1) Samsi Lebbe Marikar Sayed Ali Lebbe, (2) Mohamed Lebbe Hamda Umma, (3) Mohamed Lebbe Zainul Abideen, (4) Mohamed Lebbe Zainul Arifeen, (5) Mohamed Lebbe Zainul Yekeen, (6) Mohamed Lebbe Abdurahuman, (7) Mohamed Lebbe Fathumma, (8) Abdul Rasheed Mohamed Hassen, all of Dangedera, Galle, shall, on or before May 17, 1923, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

It is further ordered that the said 8th respondent be appointed guardian *ad litem* over 2nd to 7th respondents, unless the said respondents shall, on or before May 17, 1923, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

C. E. DE VOS,
April 7, 1923. District Judge.

In the District Court of Jaffna.
Order Nisi.

Testamentary In the Matter of the Estate of Annalad-
Jurisdiction. chumi, wife of Kathirithamby Pon-
No. 5,070. nappah of Iruvil, late of Kuala Lumpur
in the Federated Malay States, deceased.

Ramanathar Kathirithamby of Iruvil Petitioner.
Vs.

(1) Ponnappah Segarajasingam, (2) Ponnappah, daughter of Ponnappah, (3) Leelawathi, daughter of Ponnappah, (4) Kathirithamby Ponnappah, all of Chuthumalai; the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd respondents are minors appearing by their guardian *ad litem* the 4th respondent Respondents.

THIS matter of the petition of Ramanathar Kathirithamby of Iruvil, the above-named petitioner, praying for letters of administration to the estate of the above-named deceased Annaladchumi, wife of Kathirithamby Ponnappah, coming on for disposal before G. W. Woodhouse, Esq., District Judge, on March 22, 1923, in the presence of Mr. P. K. Somasundram, Proctor, on the part of the petitioner; and the affidavit of the petitioner dated February 20, 1923, having been read: It is declared that the petitioner is the father-in-law of the said intestate and is entitled to have letters of administration to the estate of the said intestate issued to him, unless the respondents or any other person shall, on or before April 19, 1923, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

G. W. WOODHOUSE,
March 28, 1923. District Judge.

Date for showing cause extended till May 3, 1923.

G. W. WOODHOUSE,
District Judge.

In the District Court of Jaffna.
Order Nisi.

Testamentary In the Matter of the Estate of the late
Jurisdiction. Vellippillai, wife of Arumugam Sinna-
No. 5,088. tamby of Kaitady, deceased.

Sinnatamby Ponniah of Kaitady Petitioner.
Vs.

(1) Sinnatamby Chellappah of ditto, (2) Sethalingam Sellamuttu of ditto, and wife (3) Chellappah of ditto Respondents.

THIS matter of the petition of Sinnatamby Ponniah of Kaitady, the above-named petitioner, praying for letters of

administration to the estate of the above-named deceased Vallippillai, wife of Arumugam Sinnatamby of Kaitady, coming on for disposal before G. W. Woodhouse, Esq., District Judge, on March 23, 1923, in the presence of Mr. V. Canagaratnam, Proctor, on the part of the petitioner; and the affidavit of the petitioner dated March 21, 1923, having been read: It is declared that the petitioner is one of the heirs of the said intestate, and is entitled to have letters of administration to the estate of the said intestate issued to him, unless the respondent or any other person shall, on or before May 15, 1923, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

April 17, 1923.

G. W. WOODHOUSE,
District Judge.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Order Nisi.

Testamentary In the Matter of the Estate of the late Jurisdiction. Arumugam Sinnatamby of Kaitady, deceased. No. 5,089.

Sinnatamby Ponniah of Kaitady..... Petitioner.

Vs.

(1) Sinnatamby Chellappah, (2) Sethalingam Sella-muttu, and wife (3) Chellam, all of ditto .. Respondents.

THIS matter of the petition of Sinnatamby Ponniah of Kaitady, the above-named petitioner, praying for letters of administration to the estate of the above-named deceased Arumugam Sinnatamby of Kaitady, coming on for disposal before G. W. Woodhouse, Esq., District Judge, on March 23, 1923, in the presence of Mr. V. Canagaratnam, Proctor, on the part of the petitioner; and the affidavit of the petitioner dated March 21, 1923, having been read: It is declared that the petitioner is one of the heirs of the said intestate, and is entitled to have letters of administration to the estate of the said intestate issued to him, unless the respondents or any other person shall, on or before May 10, 1923, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

April 17, 1923.

G. W. WOODHOUSE,
District Judge.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Order Nisi.

Testamentary In the Matter of the Estate of the late Jurisdiction. Aechchikkuddipillai wife of Namasi-vayam Vaitilingam of Chavakachcheri, Class II. deceased. No. 5,090.

Namasi-vayam Vaitilingam of Chavakachcheri.. Petitioner.

Vs.

(1) Vaitilingam Muttukumaraswamy, (2) Vaitilingam Arunasalam and (3) Visuvanathar Marugappah, all of ditto..... Respondents.

THIS matter of the petition of the above-named petitioner praying that the 3rd respondent be appointed guardian *ad litem* over the minors the 1st and 2nd respondents and that letters of administration to the estate of the above-named deceased be issued to the petitioner, coming on for disposal before G. W. Woodhouse, Esq., District Judge, on March 23, 1923, in the presence of Mr. V. Canagaratnam, Proctor, on the part of the petitioner; and the affidavit of the petitioner dated March 19, 1923, having been read: It is ordered that the above-named 3rd respondent be appointed guardian *ad litem* over the said minors, the 1st and 2nd respondents, for the purpose of representing them in this case, and that the petitioner be declared entitled to have letters of administration to the estate of the said intestate issued to him, as her lawful husband, unless the respondents or any other person appear before this court on May 15, 1923, and state objection or show cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

April 19, 1923.

G. W. WOODHOUSE,
District Judge.

In the District Court of Puttalam.

Order Nisi.

Testamentary In the Matter of the Estate of Savery Jurisdiction. Cecilia, late of Kattakadu in Akkarakattu, Puttalam District, deceased. No. 535.

Santiago Innasia Pillai of Kattakadu aforesaid.. Petitioner.

And

(1) Santiago Ispiritiyan, (2) Santiago Arulappan, (3) Santiago Mariamma, (4) Anthony Susai, (5) Juan Savery, (6) Juan Annamma, (7) Juan Victor, (8) Augustino Seeman Pillai, (9) Augustino Manuel, (10) Augustino Sebastian, (11) Augustino Sepamala, (12) Augustino Marian, (13) Augustino Mariamma, (14) Philipu Adrian, (15) Savery Abraham, (16) Miguel Clemento, all of Kattakadu aforesaid, (17) Mariachchi, a minor, aged about 10 years, of Puttalam, and (18) Philipu Anachchy of Kattakadu aforesaid.. Respondents.

THIS matter coming on for disposal before William S. Strong, Esq., Additional District Judge of Puttalam, on April 6, 1923, in the presence of Mr. Wilfred A. Muttukumar, Proctor, on the part of the petitioner above named; and the petitioner's affidavit dated March 12, 1923, and petition dated April 5, 1923, having been duly read:

It is ordered that Miguel Clemento, the 16th respondent above named, be and he is hereby appointed guardian *ad litem* of the minor Mariachi for all the purposes of these proceedings, and Santiago Innasia Pillai, the petitioner above-named, administrator of the estate of the deceased above named, and that letters of administration do issue to him accordingly, unless the respondents above named or any other person or persons interested shall, on or before April 27, 1923, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

April 6, 1923.

WILLIAM S. STRONG,
Additional District Judge.

In the District Court of Chilaw.

Order Nisi.

Testamentary In the Matter of the Intestate Estate, Jurisdiction. late Ratnasekara Don Claris of Mawila deceased. No. 1,491.

Ratnasekarage Don Benedict of Mawila..... Petitioner.

And

(1) Ethdathwaduge Maria Perera of Mawila, (2) Ratnasekarage Dona Megalin, (3) ditto Don Pius, (4) ditto Dona Victoria, (5) ditto Dona Lianora; 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th respondents, being minors; by their guardian *ad litem* the 1st respondent..... Respondents.

THIS matter coming on for disposal before N. M. Bharucha, Esq., District Judge of Chilaw, on March 1, 1923, in the presence of the above-named petitioner and the respondents; and the affidavit of the said petitioner dated March 1, 1923, having been read:

It is ordered that the petitioner be and he is hereby declared entitled, as the eldest son of the above-named deceased, to have letters of administration to his estate issued to him, and that the 1st respondent be and she is hereby appointed guardian *ad litem* over the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th respondents, who are minors, for the purpose of these proceedings, unless the respondents or any other person or persons interested shall, on or before March 27, 1923, show cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

March 1, 1923.

N. M. BHARUCHA,
District Judge.

The date for showing cause is extended to May 1, 1923.

N. M. BHARUCHA,
District Judge.

In the District Court of Chilaw.

Order Nisi.

No. 1,495 T. In the Matter of the Intestate Estate of the late Paulu Hathwaike of Kudawewa.

Juan Hathwaike of Kudawewa Petitioner.

Vs.

(1) Margaret Hathwaike, (2) Mary Hathwaike, and her husband (3) Jusey Perera, all of Kudawewa. Respondents.

THIS matter coming on for disposal before N. M. Bharucha, Esq., District Judge of Chilaw, on March 14, 1923, in the presence of Mr. W. P. Ranasinghe, Proctor, on the part of the petitioner Juan Hathwaike of Kudawewa; and the affidavit of the said petitioner dated March 6, 1923, having been read:

It is ordered that the petitioner be and he is hereby declared entitled to have letters of administration to the estate of the late Paulu Hathwaike issued to him, unless the respondents above named or any other person or persons interested shall, on or before April 16, 1923, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

It is further ordered that Jusey Perera of Kudawewa, the 3rd respondent, may be appointed guardian *ad litem* over the minor, Margaret Hathwaike, the 1st respondent, for all the purposes of this action, unless the respondents or any other person or persons shall, on or before April 16, 1923, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

March 14, 1923.

N. M. BHARUCHA,
District Judge.

The date for showing cause is extended to May 7, 1923.

N. M. BHARUCHA,
District Judge.

In the District Court of Chilaw.

Order Nisi.

No. 1,497 T. In the Matter of the Intestate Estate of the late Habarawebatuwattege Juliana Fernando of Thoduwawa.

Porutotage John Fernando of Thoduwawa Petitioner.

And

(1) Porutotage Maria Fernando, and her husband (2) Jayasuria Kuranage Sebastian Perera, (3) Porutotage Lucia Fernando, and her husband (4) Mirisege Jagrias Fernando, (5) Porutotage Christina Fernando, and her husband (6) Ambagahage Marselinu Fernando, Police Headman, (7) Porutotage Scholostina Fernando, and her husband (8) Molligoda Arachige Ladis Perera, (9) Porutotage Anthony Fernando, (10) Porutotage Rosalina Fernando, and husband (11) Ranasingha Arachige William Perera, all of Thoduwawa Respondents.

THIS matter coming on for disposal before N. M. Bharucha, Esq., District Judge of Chilaw, on March 13, 1923, in the presence of Mr. W. P. Ranasinghe, Proctor, on the part of the petitioner Porutotage John Fernando of Thoduwawa; and the affidavit of the said petitioner dated March 13, 1923, having been read:

It is ordered that the petitioner Porutotage John Fernando be and he is hereby declared entitled to have letters of administration to the estate of the above-named deceased issued to him, unless the respondents or any other person or persons interested shall, on or before April 18, 1923, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

March 13, 1923.

N. M. BHARUCHA,
District Judge.

The date for showing cause is extended to May 18, 1923.

N. M. BHARUCHA,
District Judge.

In the District Court of Chilaw.

No. 1,498 T. In the Matter of the Intestate Estate of the late Mahatelge Barbara Peries of Ulhitiyawa, deceased.

Warnasuria Mahamutuwala Kankanamalage Hendrick Fernando of Ulhitiyawa Petitioner.

And

(1) Warnasuria Mahamutuwala Kankanamalage William Fernando, (2) ditto John George Fernando, (3) ditto Peter Cavsius Fernando, (4) ditto Mary Josephine Fernando, (5) ditto Wilber Regis Fernando, all of Ulhitiyawa, by their guardian *ad litem* Samarasingha Arachige Don Anthony Appu Respondents.

THIS matter coming on for disposal before N. M. Bharucha, Esq., District Judge of Chilaw, on March 26, 1923, in the presence of Mr. W. P. Ranasinghe, Proctor, on the part of the petitioner, Warnasuria Mahamutuwala Kankanamalage Hendrick Fernando; and the affidavit and the petition of the said petitioner having been read: It is ordered that the said petitioner is entitled to have letters of administration issued to him, accordingly, unless the respondents or any other person or persons interested shall, on or before May 1, 1923, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

It is further ordered that Samarasingha Arachige Don Anthony Appu of Ulhitiyawa may be appointed guardian *ad litem* over the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th minor respondents for all the purposes of this action, unless the respondents or any other person or persons shall, on or before May 1, 1923, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

N. M. BHARUCHA,
District Judge.

In the District Court of Chilaw.

Order Nisi.

Testamentary In the Matter of the Intestate Estate of Jurisdiction. Dolohomunage Gabriel Susey Fernando. No. 1,499. late of Welihena, deceased.

Dolohomunage Solomon Fernando of Welihena. Petitioner.

Vs.

(1) Porutotage Celestina Fernando, (2) Dolohomunage Sebastian Fernando, (3) ditto John Fernando, (4) ditto Agnes Fernando, (5) ditto Regina Fernando, (6) ditto Manuel Fernando, all of Welihena. Respondents.

THIS matter coming on for disposal before N. M. Bharucha, Esq., District Judge of Chilaw, on March 27, 1923, in the presence of Messrs. Corea & Anderson, Proctors, on the part of the petitioner; and the affidavit and petition of the said petitioner dated March 27, 1923, respectively, having been read: It is ordered that the 1st respondent be and she is hereby appointed guardian *ad litem* over the 3rd to 6th respondents, who are minors, and that the petitioner be and he is hereby declared entitled, as the eldest son, to administer the estate of the said deceased, and that letters of administration do issue to him accordingly, unless the respondents above named or any other person or persons interested shall, on or before May 2, 1923, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

March 27, 1923.

S. A. MARTIN,
Acting District Judge.

In the District Court of Kegalla.

Order Nisi.

Testamentary In the Matter of the Last Will and Jurisdiction. Testament of Don Angus Edmund Abeyewardena and of Palakande Henakarallage Ukku Manika of Andiranada.

Angus Edmund Abeyewardena of Andiranada. Petitioner.

THIS matter coming on for disposal before N. M. Bharucha, Esq., Acting District Judge, Kegalla, on April 4, 1923, in the presence of Mr. Abeyewickrama, Proctor, on the part of the petitioner; and his affidavit and petition dated March 9 and 29, 1923, respectively; and the affidavit

of Oswatte Lianage John Perera Jayasinghe and Ranasingha Aratchohige Don Abilino Appuhamy of Weligampitiya and Welisara, respectively, dated November 14, 1922, (who are witnesses to the said last will), having been read: It is ordered that the said joint will of the said Pallekande Henakarallage Ukku Menika bearing No. 7,149 dated March 24, 1911, be and the same is hereby declared proved.

It is further ordered that the petitioner Angus Edmund Abeyewardena of Andiramada is the executor named in the said last will, and he is entitled to have probate issued to him, and such probate will be issued to him accordingly, unless any person or persons interested shall, on or before May 1, 1923, show sufficient cause to the contrary to the satisfaction of the court.

W. J. L. ROGERSON,
District Judge.

In the District Court of Kegalla.

Order Nisi.

Testamentary In the Matter of the Intestate Estate of Ali
Jurisdiction. Thangy Lebbe Aaliya Umma of Madulu-
No. 863. bowa, deceased.

Hadji Lebbe Mahammadu Lebbe of Madulu-
bowa Petitioner.

Vs.

(1) Mahammadu Lebbe Saliha Umma, (2) Mahammadu
Usuhu Lebbe, (3) Mahammadu Lebbe Seithen Bebee,
(4) Mahammadu Lebbe Abdul Wahid Lebbe, all of
Madulubowa, the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th being minors by
their guardian *ad litem* (5) Miskin Bawa Lebbe Ibra-
him Lebbe of Madulubowa Respondents.

THIS matter coming on for disposal before W. J. L. Rogerson, Esq., District Judge, Kegalla, on February 22, 1923, in the presence of Mr. Peiris, Proctor, for petitioner; and his affidavit and petition dated February 3 and 22, 1923, respectively, praying that letters of administration of the said estate and the appointment of guardian *ad litem* over the said minors, having been read: It is ordered and declared that the petitioner, as the husband of the deceased, is entitled to letters of administration of the said estate, and that such letters will be issued to him accordingly, and that the 5th respondent, being the brother-in-law of the minors, is a fit and proper person to be appointed their guardian *ad litem*, and that such appointment will be made accordingly, unless the respondents or any person or persons

interested shall, on or before March 27, 1923, show sufficient cause to the contrary to the satisfaction of this court.

February 22, 1923. ELIAN ONDAATJE,
Acting District Judge.

The date for showing cause is extended to May 1, 1923.

March 27, 1923. W. J. L. ROGERSON,
District Judge.

In the District Court of Kegalla.

Order Nisi.

Testamentary In the Matter of the Intestate Estate of
Jurisdiction. Liyanarallage Mudiyanse of Talewala.
No. 869.

Doolwalarallage Punchimenika of Talewala .. Petitioner.

Vs.

(1) Liyanarallage Ukkuamma, (2) ditto Punchimahat-
maya, (3) ditto Rammenika, (4) ditto Ukku Banda,
(5) ditto Punchi Banda, (6) ditto Dingiri Banda, ail
of Talewala, (7) Doolwalarallage Punchi Appu-
hamy of Siyambalapitiya; the 1st, 2nd, 3rd 4th, 5th,
and 6th being minors by their guardian *ad litem*, 7th
respondent Respondents.

THIS matter coming on for disposal before W. J. L. Rogerson, Esq., District Judge, Kegalla, on March 23, 1923, in the presence of Mr. Wijeyeratne, Proctor, for petitioner; and her affidavit and petition dated March 16 and 23, 1923, respectively, praying for letters of administration of the said estate and for the appointment of the 5th respondent as guardian *ad litem* over the rest of the respondents, who are minors, having been read: It is ordered and declared that the petitioner, as the widow of the deceased, is entitled to letters of administration of the said estate, and such letters will be issued to her accordingly, and that the 7th respondent, being the maternal uncle of the minors, is a fit and proper person to be appointed their guardian *ad litem*, and that such appointment will be made accordingly, unless the respondents or any person or persons interested shall, on or before April 24, 1923, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of the court to the contrary.

March 23, 1923. W. J. L. ROGERSON,
District Judge.

The time for showing cause against this Order Nisi is
extended for May 2, 1923.

April 24, 1923. W. J. L. ROGERSON,
District Judge.

DRAFT ORDINANCE.

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MINUTE.

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

An Ordinance further to amend "The Game Protection
Ordinance, 1909."

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend "The Game
Protection Ordinance, 1909": 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 Game Protection
(Amendment) Ordinance, No. of 1923."

2 The title to the principal Ordinance shall be amended
by the insertion of the word "Reptiles" immediately after
the word "Birds" therein.

3 The preamble of the principal Ordinance shall be
amended by the insertion of the word "reptiles" immediately
after the word "birds" in line 3 thereof.

Preamble.

Short title.

Amendment of
title of
principal
Ordinance.
Amendment of
preamble of
principal
Ordinance.

Amendment of section 1 of principal Ordinance.

4. Section 1 of the principal Ordinance shall be amended by the insertion of the words "and Reptiles" immediately after the words "Wild Birds" in line 7 thereof.

Amendment of heading of Part IV. of principal Ordinance.

5. The heading of Part IV. of the principal Ordinance shall be amended by inserting the words "and Reptiles" immediately after the words "Wild Birds" therein.

Amendment of section 20 of principal Ordinance.

6. Section 20 of the principal Ordinance shall be amended by inserting the words "or reptile" immediately after the word "bird" wherever it occurs therein between lines 1 and 13 (both inclusive) thereof.

Amendment of section 22 of principal Ordinance.

7. Section 22 of the principal Ordinance shall be amended by inserting the words "or reptile" immediately after the word "bird" in lines 2 and 4 thereof.

Amendment of section 24 of principal Ordinance.

8. Section 24 of the principal Ordinance shall be amended by inserting—

- (a) The words "or reptile" immediately after the word "bird" in line 4 thereof; and
- (b) The words "or reptiles" immediately after the word "birds" in line 6 thereof.

Amendment of section 25 of principal Ordinance.

9. Section 25 of the principal Ordinance shall be amended by inserting—

- (a) The words "reptile or reptiles" immediately after the word "birds" in lines 3, 7, and 8 thereof; and
- (b) The words "or reptiles" immediately after the word "birds" in line 4 thereof.

Amendment of section 26 of principal Ordinance.

10. Section 26 of the principal Ordinance shall be amended by inserting the words "or reptile" immediately after the word "bird" wherever it occurs therein.

Amendment of Schedule IV. of the principal Ordinance.

11. Schedule IV. of the principal Ordinance is amended by adding the following words at the end thereof :—

" Lists of Reptiles absolutely protected.

English Name.	Sinhalese Name.	Tamil Name.
Water lizard	.. Kabaragoya	.. Kabaragoyen"

By His Excellency's command,

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, April 19, 1923.

CECIL CLEMENTI,
Colonial Secretary.

Statement of Objects and Reasons.

It has been brought to the attention of Government by the Director of Agriculture and also by certain Government Agents that the practice has arisen of killing the "Kabara-goya" or water lizard in large numbers with a view to obtaining their skins for purposes of tanning. This reptile is of great usefulness to paddy cultivation in destroying crabs which undermine ridges of fields and otherwise damage crops. There appears to be serious danger that this very useful animal may be exterminated if immediate steps are not taken to protect it, and the object of this Bill is to bring it within the scope of Part IV. of "The Game Protection Ordinance, 1909."

Attorney-General's Chambers,
Colombo, March 24, 1923.

H. C. GOLLAN,
Attorney-General.