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DRAFT ORDINANCE.

MINUTE.

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

An Ordinance to authorize the Collection of Revenue in Money instead of by Stamps.

BE it 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 Revenue Collection Ordinance, 1925.

Short title.

2 In this Ordinance "revenue" includes any rent, royalty, duty, fee, fine, penalty, tax, or revenue payable to His Majesty or the Government, or to any Government department, court, board, authority, or person on behalf of or for the use of His Majesty or the Government, or for any public purpose.

Definition of "revenue."

3 (1) Where under any written law, whether passed before or after the commencement of this Ordinance, any revenue is required to be paid or collected by means of stamps, then, notwithstanding anything contained in such written law, the Governor in Executive Council may, if he thinks fit, from time to time make regulations, to be published in the "Gazette," requiring or permitting such revenue to be paid or collected in money, either throughout the Island or in a specified area or office, and in such manner and subject to such conditions as may be specified in the regulations.

Regulations may provide for collection of revenue in money.

(2) All such regulations shall, as soon as conveniently may be, be laid before the Legislative Council, and may, at any of the next following three meetings, be rescinded by resolution of the Legislative Council, but without prejudice to anything already done thereunder, and if not so rescinded shall be deemed to be valid.

By His Excellency's command,
Colonial Secretary's Office, E. B. ALEXANDER,
Colombo, September 28, 1925. Acting Colonial Secretary.

Statement of Objects and Reasons.

Recent investigations tend to show that certain licence fees and other duties, which are at present collected by stamps, could be more economically collected in cash. It is proposed that, as an experiment, the system of payment in cash should be tried in a few Kachcheries for the collection of fees under the Firearms Ordinance. This Ordinance will enable the system to be tried and, if successful, to be extended.

Attorney-General's Chambers, L. H. ELPHINSTONE,
Colombo, September 14, 1925. Attorney-General.