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

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**An Ordinance to amend the Ceylon
Railways Ordinance, 1902.**

No. 9 of 1902.

BE it enacted by the Governor of Ceylon, with the advice and consent of the State Council thereof, as follows :—

1 This Ordinance may be cited as the Ceylon Railways (Amendment) Ordinance, No. of 1938. Short title.

2 Section 3 of the Ceylon Railways Ordinance, 1902 (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Ordinance"), is hereby amended by the substitution for the definition of "Railway official" of the following :— Amendment of section 3 of Ordinance No. 9 of 1902.

"Railway official" means any person, officer or clerk appointed by the Governor under section 4 (1) and includes any person for the time being employed to do any act upon the railway.

Substitution of new section for section 4 of the principal Ordinance.

Appointment of General Manager and other officers and clerks.

3 Section 4 of the principal Ordinance is hereby repealed and the following new section is substituted therefor :—

4 (1) The Governor may appoint—

- (a) any person by name or by office to be or to act as General Manager ; and
- (b) such other officers and clerks as may be necessary for the purposes of this Ordinance.

(2) The General Manager may generally or specially authorise any officer appointed under paragraph (b) of sub-section (1) to exercise any power or perform any duty conferred or imposed by this Ordinance on the General Manager.

Amendment of section 17 of the principal Ordinance.

4 Section 17 of the principal Ordinance is hereby amended as follows :—

- (1) by the substitution for the words “ the General Manager or Locomotive Engineer,” of the words “ the General Manager,” ; and
- (2) by the omission of the words “ Traffic Superintendent, or station master,”.

Objects and Reasons.

Section 4 of the Railways Ordinance, 1902, provides for the appointment by the Governor of a General Manager and one or more “ Assistant Managers ”, who are empowered to exercise and perform the powers and duties assigned by the Ordinance to the General Manager.

As a result of changes in the organization of the Ceylon Government Railway and the consequent re-distribution of work, it is proposed to alter the designations of certain officers.

The object of this Bill is to amend the Railways Ordinance so as to remove references to Assistant Managers and certain other officers, and vest in the Governor the general power to appoint such officers as may be necessary for the purposes of the Ordinance. Any subsequent change made in the designation of any officer can thus be effected without the necessity of amending the Ordinance.

As a result of the amendment effected by Clause 3, the General Manager will be empowered to delegate to the appropriate officer any power or duty conferred or imposed upon him by the Ordinance.

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Ministry of Communications and Works,
Colombo, September 7, 1938.