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EXTRAORDINARY.

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PART II.—LEGAL.

PASSED ORDINANCES.

Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Ceylon, with the advice and consent of the State Council thereof.

No. 41 of 1939.

L. D.—O 55/39

An Ordinance further to amend the Essential Commodities Reserves Ordinance, No. 5 of 1939.

A. CALDECOTT.

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 Essential Commodities Reserves (Amendment) Ordinance, No. 41 of 1939.

Short title.

2 The following new section shall be inserted immediately after section 14 of the Essential Commodities Reserves Ordinance No. 5 of 1939, and shall have effect as section 14A of that Ordinance :—

Insertion of new section 14A in Ordinance No. 5 of 1939.

14A. (1) Notwithstanding anything in the Criminal Procedure Code—

(a) no prosecution shall be instituted against any person for any offence except by the Director or with his written sanction ;

Power of Director to sanction prosecutions and compound offences.
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- (b) where the Director has reasonable grounds for believing that any person has committed an offence, he may, if he thinks fit, compound such offence instead of instituting a prosecution against that person for that offence ;
- (c) where a prosecution has been instituted against any person for any offence, the Director may, at any time before the Magistrate has recorded his verdict, compound that offence and withdraw the prosecution.

(2) Where an offence is compounded under sub-section (1), the Director may accept from the offender such sum of money as the Director may deem appropriate for the composition of that offence ; and any sum so accepted shall be credited to the general revenue of Ceylon.

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(3) Save as provided in sub-sections (1) and (2), the provisions of the Criminal Procedure Code shall apply in respect of any offence or the prosecution of any person therefor.

(4) In this section, " offence " means an offence under this Ordinance.

Passed in Council the Twenty-ninth day of August, One thousand Nine hundred and Thirty-nine.

E. W. KANNANGARA,
Clerk of the Council.

Assented to by His Excellency the Governor the Second day of September, One thousand Nine hundred and Thirty-nine.

E. R. SUDBURY,
Secretary to the Governor.