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DRAFT ORDINANCES.

MINUTE.

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

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An Ordinance to provide that certain currency notes which have been lost, damaged or destroyed as a result of enemy action shall not be imported into Ceylon and shall not be legal tender in the Island; and to make provision for other matters incidental to or connected with the purposes aforesaid.

WHEREAS the currency notes described in the Schedule hereto were lost, damaged or destroyed as a result of enemy action prior to the repeal of the Paper Currency Ordinance and before delivery to the Ceylon Currency Commissioners constituted under that Ordinance.

Preamble

And whereas the said notes, not having been issued under the Paper Currency Ordinance, cannot be deemed to have been issued under or for the purposes of the Currency Ordinance, No. 21 of 1941.

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And whereas such of the said notes as were not destroyed, or any of such notes, may have come into the possession of unauthorised persons and may be put into circulation:

And whereas it is expedient to prohibit the importation of the said notes into Ceylon and to provide that the said notes shall not be legal tender in the Island:

Be it therefore 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 Currency Notes (Invalidation) Ordinance, No. of 1941.

Short title.

Prohibition of importation of scheduled currency notes  
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2. (1) No scheduled currency note shall be imported into Ceylon.

(2) For the purposes of the application of the provisions of the Customs Ordinance, every scheduled currency note shall be deemed to be an article the importation of which is prohibited by Ordinance

Scheduled currency notes not to be legal tender  
Surrender of scheduled currency notes

3. No scheduled currency note shall be legal tender in Ceylon

4. Every person who finds any scheduled currency note, or into whose possession any such note may have come, or may hereafter come, shall forthwith surrender that note to the officer in charge of a police station

Offences

5. Any person who—

(a) imports any scheduled currency note into Ceylon, or  
(b) uses or utters, or attempts to use or utter, any such note, or

(c) acts in contravention of any of the provisions of section 4,

shall be guilty of an offence and shall, on conviction after summary trial before a Magistrate, be liable to a fine not exceeding five hundred rupees or to imprisonment of either description for a term not exceeding one year or to both such fine and imprisonment

Interpretation

6. In this Ordinance, "scheduled currency note" means a currency note described in the Schedule

#### SCHEDULE

A currency note of the denomination of one rupee bearing any of the following numbers —

$\frac{R}{44}$  50001 to 100000

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$\frac{R}{45}$  00001 to 100000

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$\frac{R}{46}$  00001 to 50000

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A currency note of the denomination of ten rupees bearing any of the following numbers —

$\frac{D}{61}$  25001 to 100000

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$\frac{D}{62}$  00001 to 25000

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$\frac{D}{66}$  00001 to 100000

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$\frac{D}{67}$  00001 to 100000

67

$\frac{D}{68}$  00001 to 100000

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$\frac{D}{69}$  00001 to 100000

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$\frac{D}{70}$  00001 to 100000

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$\frac{D}{71}$  00001 to 25000.

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#### Objects and Reasons.

The object of this Bill is to prohibit the importation into Ceylon of certain one-rupee and ten-rupee currency notes which have been lost, damaged or destroyed as a result of enemy action

Clause 2 prohibits the importation of the notes and enables the Customs authorities to forfeit the notes if they are detected in the hands of an unauthorised person at the time of importation

Clause 3 invalidates the notes and provides that they shall not be legal tender in Ceylon

Clause 4 requires the finder or possessor of an invalidated note forthwith to surrender such note at a police station

Clause 5 makes it an offence to import or utter an invalidated note.

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