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GOVERNOR'S ORDINANCES.

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

No. 47 of 1946.

L. D.—O. 40/46.

An Ordinance to provide immunity from civil or criminal proceedings in respect of the publication or reproduction of authorised documents.

[Assented to by His Majesty the King : see Proclamation dated 25th October, 1946, published in Gazette Extraordinary No. 9,621 of 26th October, 1946.]

J. C. HOWARD.

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 Official Publications (Immunity) Ordinance, No. 47 of 1946. Short title.

Immunity in respect of publication or reproduction of authorised documents.

2. No action or proceeding, whether civil or criminal, shall be instituted or maintained against any person, in respect of—

- (a) the publication of any report or other official document which is ordered by the Governor to be published for general information; or
- (b) the reproduction, in any newspaper, of any document or of an extract from any document so published:

Provided that the preceding provisions of this section shall not operate as a bar to any action or proceeding in respect of the reproduction of any document or extract therefrom in any newspaper, where there is proof that such reproduction was made maliciously.

Passed in Council the Twenty-fifth day of September, One thousand Nine hundred and Forty-six.

D. C. R. GUNAWARDANA,
Clerk of the Council.