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### MINUTE BY THE GOVERNOR.

WITH the sanction of the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to lay down the following Regulations, in substitution of the rules of the 15th May, 1895, which are hereby withdrawn, for the guidance of all Public Officers in the Colony, in regard to the acquisition or possession of land and engaging in agricultural and commercial pursuits. These Regulations are based on the principle that greater efficiency may be expected from an officer whose whole energies are devoted to the Public Service than from one whose mind is occupied with the cares and anxieties incident to the possession and cultivation of land or to commercial enterprises.

- (a) No officer shall be allowed to acquire or be a part owner of any land in the Colony other than a garden or ground attached to his dwelling-house, and not cultivated with a view to the sale of produce. He may not acquire or be a part owner in any concession in the Colony, nor within the same territory be the owner of house property other than a house for his own occupation.
- (b) No officer shall be allowed to engage in commercial pursuits or purchase shares in any local Land Company, or take part in the management of any commercial undertaking

notwithstanding that he may have invested money therein. Nor shall any officer make or continue an investment which may interest him privately in an affair or undertaking with which his public duty is connected. An officer should confidentially consult the Government as regards any investment which may be reasonably open to doubt.

2. The foregoing Regulation (a) is not binding on officers who are natives of Ceylon (including Burghers), but such officers are expected to obtain the sanction of Government before they purchase land.

3. The foregoing Regulation (a) applies to the holding of land by an officer in the name or names of members of an officer's family. It does not apply to those officers who may become possessed of land or houses by inheritance or devise and not by purchase; but all officers, whether natives of Ceylon (including Burghers) or not, are required to report any such acquisition of land or houses to the Government, who will issue such orders as may seem necessary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Colombo, July 15, 1896.

By His Excellency's command,  
W. T. TAYLOR,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

## PROCLAMATIONS BY THE GOVERNOR.

IN the Name of Her Majesty VICTORIA, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith.

### PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency the Right Honourable Sir JOSEPH WEST RIDGEWAY, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Knight Commander of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Ceylon, with the Dependencies thereof.

WEST RIDGEWAY.

WHEREAS by "The Courts Ordinance, 1889," it is amongst other things enacted that Criminal Sessions of the Supreme Court shall be holden by one of the Judges thereof, or by a Commissioner of Assize duly appointed under the provisions of the said Ordinance, for each of the circuits into which the Island is by the said Ordinance divided for the purposes of the administration of justice, for the hearing, trying, and determining all prosecutions which shall be commenced against any person for or in respect of any crime or offence or alleged crime or offence:

• For the Midland Circuit three times at least at Kandy and such other places in such circuit as the Governor, after previous consultation with the Judges, shall appoint; such Sessions commencing at Kandy on March 10, August 1, and December 1 every year:

And whereas by the said Ordinance it is also provided that it shall be competent for the Governor, for sufficient reasons to him appearing, after previous consultation with the Judges, to alter the dates fixed by the said Ordinance for holding Criminal Sessions of the Supreme Court at any of the places therein mentioned, and to fix any other date for the commencement thereof:

And whereas it appears to Us expedient to alter the said date (August 1) fixed by the said Ordinance for the commencement of the Second Criminal Session of the Supreme Court at Kandy, and to fix another date instead thereof:

Now know Ye that We, the said Governor, for sufficient reasons to Us appearing, and after previous consultation with the Judges of the Supreme Court, do hereby direct and appoint as follows:—

That the Second Criminal Session of the Supreme Court for the Midland Circuit to be holden this year at Kandy shall commence on Monday, the 17th day of August, instead of on Saturday, the 1st day of August.

Given at Colombo, in the said Island of Ceylon, this Fifteenth day of July, in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Ninety-six.

By His Excellency's command,  
W. T. TAYLOR,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

## APPOINTMENTS, &c., BY THE GOVERNOR.

**HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR** has been pleased to make the following appointments :—

Mr. THOMAS NORTH CHRISTIE to be an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council of the Island of Ceylon.

Mr. C. D. VIGORS to act as District Judge, Mátara, for three days from July 23, 1896, during the absence of Mr. B. HILL on leave.

Mr. W. E. THORPE to act as Assistant Superintendent of Police, Western Province, for three months from August 1, 1896, in addition to his own duties as Office Assistant at Colombo to the Government Agent, Western Province, during the absence of Mr. J. P. ARMSTRONG on leave, or until further orders.

JOHN WILLIAM PERERA JAYATILAKA, of Udugampola, to be an Inquirer into Deaths for the Judicial Division of Negombo, *vice* DON MARTELIS JAYATILAKA, resigned.

By His Excellency's command,

W. T. TAYLOR,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Colombo, July 17, 1896.

**HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR** has been pleased to make the following appointments :—

Mr. H. DE COSTA, Head Clerk, Land Registry, Chilaw, to act as Registrar of Lands, Chilaw, for six days commencing from the 6th instant, during the absence of the Registrar, Mr. L. DE SILVA, on leave.

PUNCHI BANDÁ AMUNUGAMA, Arachchi of Galagedara, to act as Registrar of Marriages (Kandyan and General), Births, and Deaths of Tumpané Division No. 1, in the District of Kandy, for twelve weeks and six days from the 15th instant, during the absence of the Registrar, P. B. NUWARAWEWE, on leave. His office will be at Paranagama walawwa in Galagedara.

DON ANDRIS AMARASEKARA, Vidané-árachchi of Dodampe, to act as Registrar of Marriages, Births, and Deaths of the Kahawatta Division, in

the District of Hambantota, for one week and one day from the 22nd instant, during the absence of the Registrar, J. H. KANDAMBI, on leave. His office will be at Pantiyewaita in Kahawatta.

Patirennhelagé LOKU APPUHÁMI, provisionally, to be Registrar of Marriages (Kandyan), Births, and Deaths of Uda pattu of Kuruwiti kóralé, in the District of Ratnapura, with effect from the 20th instant, *vice* D. M. PUNCHIMAHATMAYA, deceased. His office will be at Alutgedarawatta in Elláwala.

Rájakaruna UKKU BANDÁ, provisionally, to be Registrar of Marriages (Kandyan), Births, and Deaths of Matombuwa kóralé, in the North-Central Province, with effect from the 1st proximo, *vice* K. B. KANDAPPA, deceased. His office will be at Siyambalagahawatta in Demunuwewa.

Tillekeratne Kumárasekara Mudiýanselagé APPUHÁMI to act as Registrar of Marriages (Kandyan), Births, and Deaths of Ullagala kóralé, in the North-Central Province, for two weeks and three days from the 15th instant, during the absence of the Registrar, Tillekeratna Kumárasekara Mudiýanselagé UKKU BANDÁ, on leave. His office will be in the same building where the permanent Registrar holds office in Perimiyan-kulama.

By His Excellency's command,

W. T. TAYLOR,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Colombo, July 15, 1896.

**W**ITH reference to the *Gazette* notice dated May 13 last, it is hereby notified that Wirasinha Mudiýanselagé MUDIYANSE has been confirmed in the appointment of Registrar of Marriages (Kandyan and General), Births, and Deaths of Medapattu kóralé in Katugampola hatpattu, in the District of Kurunégala, with effect from May 18 last. His office will be at Nallemankadawatta in Narangomuwa.

By His Excellency the Governor's command,

W. T. TAYLOR,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Colombo, July 15, 1896.

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATIONS.

**A** MEETING of the Legislative Council will be held at the Council Chamber on Wednesday, the 29th instant, at 3 P.M.

Council Chamber,  
Colombo, July 14, 1896.

By order,  
J. J. THORBURN,  
Acting Clerk to the Legislative Council.

**I**N accordance with articles (c) and (d) of the Amended Government Minute dated December 7, 1894, it is hereby notified that the rate of exchange which ruled on June 30 last was—

1s. 2½d.

Audit Office,  
Colombo, July 13, 1896.

F. R. SAUNDERS,  
Acting Auditor-General.

**I**N terms of section 3 of the Minute of January 16, 1895, it is hereby notified that the under mentioned officer, seconded for service, will be allowed to count the period of his temporary employment for pension purposes :—

Name.	Pensionable Appointment.	Seconded Service.
Mr. F. J. Pigott	... Second Financial Assistant, Public Works Department	... Colombo Municipality

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Colombo, July 10, 1896.

By His Excellency the Governor's command,  
W. T. TAYLOR,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

**I**T is hereby notified to all the Heads of Government Departments that it is the desire of His Excellency the Governor that all Volunteers in the employment of Government should be granted leave of absence on full pay from September 12 to 19, 1896, to permit of their attendance at the Annual Camp of Exercise proposed to be held during that period at Urugasmanhandiya.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Colombo, July 11, 1896.

By His Excellency's command,  
W. T. TAYLOR,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

**F**ROM and after the 4th instant all correspondence relating to matters in connection with the Department of the Chief Resident Engineer, Railway Extensions, should be addressed to the Colonial Secretary, Colombo, instead of to the Chief Resident Engineer.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Colombo, July 3, 1896.

By His Excellency the Governor's command,  
W. T. TAYLOR,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

## MISCELLANEOUS DEPARTMENTAL NOTICES.

PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE at the Government Record Office, Colombo :—				Regulations under the Merchandise and Trade Marks Ordinance of 1888		Rs.	c.
LEGISLATIVE ENACTMENTS, REVISED EDITION.						...	0 15
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3	1 of 1872	7 of 1873	1 0	Customs Tariff	...	0 10	
4	8 of 1873	23 of 1873	1 0	Customs Regulations	...	0 20	
5	1 of 1874	3 of 1875	1 0	Census of Ceylon, 1891	...	12 5	
6	4 of 1875	3 of 1876	1 0	Dr. Müller's Report on Inscriptions of Ceylon :—			
7	4 of 1876	4 of 1877	1 0	Text	...	5 0	
8	5 of 1877	8 of 1877	0 50	Plates	...	5 0	
9	9 of 1877	23 of 1877	1 0	Architectural Remains of Anurádhapura (with Plates), by J. G. Smither, F.R.I.B.A. :—			
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1	12 of 1885	8 of 1886	1 0	Do. (III.)	...	1 60	
2	9 of 1886	7 of 1887	1 0	Do. (IV.)	...	1 0	
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Separate copies of Ordinances in English (where available, and, where translations have been published, in Sinhalese and Tamil) may be obtained at 5 cents for every 8 pages or portion thereof.							
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J. J. THORBURN,  
Acting Government Recordkeeper.

June, 1896

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G. J. A. SKEEN,  
Government Printer.

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Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Colombo, January, 1896.

**NOTICE** is hereby given that licenses for the year 1896-97 for carts in the Central Province will be issued as follows:—

July 20 and 21, 1896, at the Public Works Department Overseer's bungalow at Dikoya.

July 22, 1896, at the Nawalapitiya Court-house.

July 23 and 24, 1896, at the Local Board Office Gampola.

Kandy Kachcheri,  
July 7, 1896.

C. S. VAUGHAN,  
for Government Agent.

**Public Works Department.—Junior Examination**

**A**N examination under rule 5 of the Regulations of December 14, 1892, for officers of the Public Works Department, will be held at the Council Chamber on Monday, October 19, and following days.

The names of intending candidates must be in the hands of the Director of Public Works on or before September 1, and no officer will be admitted for examination whose name is not received by that date.

For further particulars officers are referred to the above-mentioned regulations published in the *Government Gazette* of December 16, 1892, No. 5,192.

R. K. MACBRIDE,  
Director of Public Works.

Public Works Department,  
Colombo, June 24, 1896.

**NOTICE** is hereby given that an application has been received from the Very Rev. J. Collin for a grant in aid of his Uvaiddipannai Mannar west Vernacular Mixed School.

Observations will be received not later than August 10, 1896.

J. B. CULL,  
Director.

Office of the Director of Public Instruction,  
Colombo, July 15, 1896.

**A** **TEMPORARY POST OFFICE** will be opened at Talawila during the festival of St. Anna, from July 13 to 25, 1896.

Money Orders will not be issued or paid at this office.

F. W. VANE,  
Acting Postmaster-General.

Postmaster-General's Office,  
Colombo, July 7, 1896.

## Return of Immigrants and Emigrants at the Port of Colombo during the Week ended July 15, 1896.

	Men.	Women.	Children.	Infants.	Total.
Immigrants (coolies)	1,793	477	340	155	2,765
Emigrants (all classes)	1,017	232	92	21	1,362

J. DONNAN,  
Master Attendant.

## SALES OF UNSERVICEABLE ARTICLES.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following private property of long-sentenced and deceased prisoners of Welikada Jail will be sold by public auction at the Welikada Jail premises on August 15, 1896, at 12 noon:—

Lot.	Register No.	List of Property.
1	C 400	One old torn sarong, one piece of rag, one cap, one piece of white cloth, and one old leather belt
2	C 401	Two pieces of rags
3	C 423	One old white vettie, one old white coat, and one piece of rag
4	C 424	One old vettie and three old pieces of rags
5	C 427	One old sarong
6	C 429	One old sarong
7	C 437	One old chintz cloth, one old white cloth, one old white banian, one old handkerchief, and one old leather belt
8	C 438	One old sarong, one old white cloth, one old merino banian, one old handkerchief, and one old leather belt
9	C 439	One old sarong, one old khaki trousers, one old chintz banian, one old leather belt, and one old crooked comb
10	C 433	Two old white cloths, four old handkerchiefs, and one old leather belt
11	C 452	One old white cloth, one old white banian, one old handkerchief, and one old leather belt
12	C 453	One old sarong and one old handkerchief
13	C 454	One old white cloth
14	C 455	One old white cloth
15	C 456	One old chintz cloth
16	C 457	One old chintz cloth and one old white handkerchief
17	C 464	One sarong, one old merino banian, and one old handkerchief
18	C 465	One sarong, one old merino banian, one old silk tassal, and one old red handkerchief
19	C 466	One silk sarong, one old sarong, one black coat, one old white cloth, one old merino banian, and two old handkerchiefs
20	C 6,656	One red sandrapady sarong, one red double handkerchief, one black handkerchief, and one leather belt
21	C 474	One old white cloth and one piece of rag
22	C 487	One old white cloth, one old red handkerchief, and one false hair (small)
23	C 488	One old white cloth
24	C 489	One old sarong and two small white handkerchiefs
25	C 500	One old white cloth, one old white banian, and one old pocket handkerchief
26	C 506	Two old white cloths and two pieces of rags
27	C 516	One old soman cloth
28	C 234	One sarong, one old white cloth, one old Cannanore coat with four buttons, one old silk tassal, and one silver ring
29	B 4,257	One old chintz cloth and two pieces of rags
30	C 529	One old saron
31	C 530	One old saron, and one old handkerchief
32	C 263	One old saron, one old handkerchief, one old leather belt, and one piece of rag
33	B 2,443	One old malaya cloth, one old saron, and one old leather belt
34	B 909	One coloured saron
35	C 295	One old saron
36	C 591	One old vettie cloth and one old white cloth
37	C 598	Four pieces of rags and one old shawl
38	C 604	Two old sarons, one old chintz banian, and one old leather belt
39	C 605	One old saron, one old white cloth, one old silk handkerchief, one old leather belt, and one brass armet
40	C 674	One old saron
41	C 680	One old white cloth and one piece of rag

*Deceased Prisoners' Private Property.*

1	21	One piece of old cambaya, one piece of old chintz cloth, one piece of old white cloth, one white jacket, one body, one silver hairpin, five strings coral, one pair of silver earrings, three brass rings, and one old mat purse
2	C 39	One old saron, one old white cloth, one old handkerchief, and one old leather belt

Welikada Prison,  
Colombo, July 7, 1896.

R. E. FIRMINER,  
Superintendent, Convict Establishment

NOTICE is hereby given that the following unclaimed and unserviceable articles belonging to this office will be sold by public auction at the Court-house premises on Saturday, July 25, 1896, at 2 o'clock :—

Unclaimed.	Unserviceable.
1 writing box	8 inkjars
1 manna knife	2 inkstands
3 pieces of ironwood	2 belts for peons

W. H. SILVA,  
Secretary.

District Court,  
Matara, July 9, 1896.

NOTICE is hereby given that on Thursday, July 30, 1896, at 2 o'clock P.M., will be sold by public auction at the Police Court, Gampola, the following unserviceable articles of the Gampola Courts :—

1 chair	2 zinc buckets
2 benches	1 Bible
6 inkstands	1 clock
1 specimen of plaints	1 candlestand
2 commodes	1 shelf for printed forms

T. B. PANABOKKE,  
Police Magistrate.

Police Court,  
Gampola, July 13, 1896.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned unserviceable articles belonging to the Public Works Department will be sold by public auction at the

Public Works Department Store, Trincomalee, on August 10, 1896, at 2 P.M. :—

1	ferry boat at Gangai, 26 ft. by 2 ft.
1	Do. Uppar, 25 ft. by 2 ft.
1	Do. Kadaparichehan, 20 ft. by 1½ ft.

F. J. PIGOTT,  
for Director of Public Works.

Public Works Department,  
Colombo, July 13, 1896.

LIST of unclaimed articles found in postal packets received at the Returned Letter Office during the first and second quarters ended June 30, 1896, to be sold by public auction at the General Post Office on the 22nd instant, at 3 P.M. :—

5 linen jackets	2 books Every Band of Hope Boy's Reciter
1 silk handkerchief	1 book Onward Reciter
1 pair children's socks	1 book Illustrated Temperance Reciter
1 reel Indian thread	2 books The Temperance Worker
3 brass rings set with glass	1 book Elementary Classics
2 tins opium	1 book Erattine Mohamado
1 box lamp wicks	1 blank book entitled "Where is it"
1 linen coat	1 Whitaker's Almanac for 1896
1 child's woollen hood	1 lot samples of wool-len, linen, &c.
2 pairs slippers	1 lot Christmas cards
1 enema	1 lot newspapers
1 English-Sinhalese Diary	
1 book Synopsis of Trigonometry	
1 book Yagamalawa	
1 book Sinhalese Geography	

F. W. VANE,  
Acting Postmaster-General.

Postmaster-General's Office.  
Colombo, July 15, 1896.

## SEASON REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE, 1896.

### CENTRAL PROVINCE.

#### MATALE DISTRICT.

##### *Matale South.*

The rainfall recorded for the month is 11.34 in. The weather has been very favourable for the yala cultivation which is comparatively more extensive than that of last year. The garden produce is very considerable, and finds a ready demand on the spot.

##### *Matale North.*

The rainfall recorded at Dambulla is 4.36 in. The cultivation under tanks is satisfactory, especially in Inamalawa korale, where the yala cultivation is the best for several years. Fine grain cultivation, such as menderi and tala, are less than former years owing to the absence of rain at the proper season. People have already commenced the system of dry ploughing in some places in Udugoda Pallesiyapattu.

##### *Matale East.*

Yala cultivation has begun in most places where fields are irrigated by rivers. Chenas are being cleared of maha sowing. The prospects of yala cultivation in all the three divisions are promising.

### NORTHERN PROVINCE.

#### MULLAITIVU DISTRICT.

Crops : threshing of paddy and manuring and sowing for chirupokam are going on. In certain parts the plants are said to be in blossom and in ear. Curing of tobacco is nearly over.

Weather : there were a few showers of rain during the month. South-west wind prevailed. Ponds and tanks are drying up.

General health : health of people fair.

Cattle murrain still exists in some villages at Tunukkai.

Prices of articles of food : paddy, Rs. 1.37½ per bushel ; rice, Rs. 3.50 per bushel ; kurakkan, Re. 1 per bushel ; varaku, 75 cents per bushel ; ellu, Rs. 4 per bushel ; kollu, Rs. 2 per bushel ; ulundu, Rs. 3 per bushel ; and payaru, Rs. 3 per bushel.