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NOTICES TO MARINERS.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR has been pleased to direct that the following Notices to Mariners be published for general information.

By His Excellency the Governor's command,

W. T. TAYLOR,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

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

BENGAL.—No. 96.

China Sea—Pescadore Island—Amended position of Rock South-Eastward of Tsiang Island.

With reference to Notice to Mariners No. 81, dated April 13, 1896, issued by this office, the British Admiralty has given further notice (No. 183 of 1896) that the rock on which the Kohel struck is not situated as given in the above notice, but with Rover Knob bearing about N. W. $\frac{1}{2}$ W. (N. 48° W.), distant $1\frac{1}{16}$ mile; and the eastern extreme of the eastern Reef island S. S. W. (S. 22° W.); or approximately in lat. 23° 20' 50" N., long. 119° 33' 25" E.

This rock has a depth of about 3 ft. on it at low water.

B. P. CREAGH, Comdr., R.I.M.,
Port Officer of Calcutta.

Calcutta, May 9, 1896.

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BENGAL.—No. 97.

Australia—Torres Strait—Proudfoot Shoal Lightvessel—Alteration in Light.

With reference to Notice to Mariners No. 149, dated August 17, 1895, issued by this office, the British Admiralty has given notice (No. 191 of 1896) that the light shown from Proudfoot shoal lightvessel, which was temporarily altered from an occulting white to a fixed white light, visible in clear weather from a distance of 11 miles, has now been permanently made a fixed white light.

Approximately position: lat. 10° 32' 20" S., long. 140° 27' 50" E.

B. P. CREAGH, Comdr., R.I.M.,
Calcutta, May 9, 1896. Port Officer of Calcutta.

BENGAL.—No. 98.

India, West—Malabar Coast—Caution—Derelict Native Craft drifting Southward.

A telegraphic communication has been received from the Presidency Port Officer, Madras, stating that a native craft has capsized off Badagara in 6 fathoms. The derelict is drifting southward, and is dangerous to shipping.

B. P. CREAGH, Comdr., R.I.M.,
Calcutta, May 11, 1896. Port Officer of Calcutta.

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BENGAL.—No. 99.

Australia—Moreton Bay, North-west Channel—New Lighthouse, Light Towers, illuminated and other Buoys.

The Portmaster, Brisbane, has given notice (No. 8 of 1896) that it is intended, on or about July 15, 1896, to exhibit from a new circular tower, painted white, a fixed light of the fourth order dioptric, showing a white light between the bearings of south through west to north 60° west, red from north 60° west to north 29° west, and white between north 29° west and north 22° west. The two latter sectors are intensified.

This lighthouse is situated about 8 cables to the westward of Caloundra head. The focal plane is 170 ft. above high water, and the light will be visible from a vessel's deck in clear weather at a distance of 16 miles.

Leading Lights, Bribie Islands.

The leading lights on Bribie island will be exhibited from skeleton towers, painted white.

From the back tower (high light) a powerful bi-form holophotal light will be shown between the bearings of south 67° west and south 45° west. The tower is 95 ft. above high water, and the light will be visible from a vessel's deck in clear weather at a distance of 14 miles.

From the front tower (low light) a fixed light of the fourth order dioptric will be exhibited and will be shown between the bearings of south 14° west and south 77° west, and between north 46° west and north 40° west. The tower is 56 ft. above high water, and the light will be visible from a vessel's deck in clear weather at a distance of 12 miles.

Both sectors of this light are intensified.

Buoys.

The black buoys, now marking the south-western extreme of the Spitfire and the eastern extreme of the Salamandra banks, will be replaced by illuminated gas buoys with a fixed white light.

The red buoy now marking the northern extreme of the western banks will also be replaced by an illuminated gas buoy carrying an occulting white light.

The superstructures of the gas buoys will be 10 ft. above the level of the sea, and the lights will be visible from a vessel's deck in clear weather at a distance of about 3 miles.

On a line north-west $\frac{1}{2}$ north from Spitfire bank buoy on the following bearings, 3 black buoys will be placed to mark the eastern side of the north-west channel :—

Northern Buoy (in 8 fathoms of water) :—
Caloundra light, N.W. by N. $\frac{1}{2}$ W.
Mount Beerwah, W. $\frac{1}{2}$ S.

Middle Buoy (in 7 fathoms of water) :—
Caloundra light, N.W. by N.
Mount Beerwah, W. $\frac{1}{2}$ N.

Southern Buoy (in 10 fathoms of water) :—
Caloundra light, N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ N.
Mount Beerwah, W. $\frac{3}{4}$ N.

A further notice with regard to these lights and buoys, with directions for their use, will be issued when the channel is available for navigation by night.

B. P. CREAGH, Comdr., R.I.M.,
Port Officer of Calcutta.

Calcutta, May 11, 1896.

BENGAL.—No. 100.

Australia—Keppel Bay—Gas Buoy at Timandra Bank.

The Portmaster, Brisbane, has given notice (No. 9 of 1896) that it is intended, on or about July 15, 1896, to replace the buoy now marking the Timandra bank by an illuminated gas buoy carrying a fixed white light.

The superstructure of the gas buoy will be 10 ft. above the level of the sea, and the light will be visible from a vessel's deck in clear weather at a distance of about 3 miles.

A further notice will be issued giving the precise date on which this buoy will be placed in position.

B. P. CREAGH, Comdr., R.I.M.,
Port Officer of Calcutta.

Calcutta, May 11, 1896.

BENGAL.—No. 101.

Australia—Sandy Cape—Position of a small Shoal.

The Portmaster, Brisbane, has given notice (No. 10 of 1896) that a small shoal, with about 3 fathoms over it at low water spring tides, is reported to exist approximately N. 53° E. 22 miles from Sandy Cape lighthouse. An examination of the locality will be made at an early date.

B. P. CREAGH, Comdr., R.I.M.,
Port Officer of Calcutta.

Calcutta, May 11, 1896.

BENGAL.—No. 102.

*Bay of Bengal—Chittagong Coast—Chittagong River—
Depth of Water found in the Channels.*

The Port Officer, Chittagong, has given notice that the following depth of water was found in the river channels by soundings taken on May 7 and reduced to zero :—

	ft.	in.
No. 1 Outer bar :—		
Middle Patunga black buoy on with Upper		
Patunga black buoy ...	11	0
Disc on with tripod, cask, and ball ...	9	3
No. 2 Inner bar :—		
Disc on with tripod, cask, and ball ...	10	6
Disc on with diamond ...	10	0
No. 3 Track :—		
Tripod on with cross and ball ...	20	0
No. 4 Track :—		
Triangle on with tripod, cask, and ball ...	20	0
No. 5 Guptakhally crossing :—		
Old marks ...	17	6
Centre track ...	13	6
Tripod on diamond ...	12	6

B. P. CREAGH, Comdr., R.I.M.,
Port Officer of Calcutta.

Calcutta, May 12, 1896.

UNOFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION OF THE JAFFNA COMMERCIAL CORPORATION, LIMITED.

1. The name of the Company is "The Jaffna Commercial Corporation, Limited."
2. The registered office of the Company is to be established at Jaffna town.
3. The objects for which the Company is established are: trading in general, lending money on interest, discounting bills, receiving deposits, &c.
4. The liability of the Shareholders is limited.
5. The nominal capital of the Company is Rs. 100,000, divided into 1,000 shares of Rs. 100 each with power to increase or reduce the capital.

We, the several persons whose names and addresses are subscribed, are desirous of being formed into a Company in pursuance of this Memorandum of Association, and we respectively agree to take the number of shares in the capital of the Company set opposite our respective names:—

Names and Addresses of Subscribers.	Number of Shares taken by each Subscriber.
M. B. SWAMPILLAI, Jaffna	Twenty-five
WM. MATHER, Jaffna	Twenty-five
ALEX. TOUSSAINT, Jaffna	Fifteen
GEO. W. TOUSSAINT, Jaffna	Ten
S. NAGALINGAM, Advocate, Jaffna	Ten
V. CASIPPILLAI, Proctor, Jaffna	Five
A. KANAGASABAI, Advocate, Jaffna	Five

Witness to the above signatures :

K. WYTIALINGAM, Storekeeper, Ceylon Steamship Co., Ltd., Jaffna.

Dated at Jaffna this 11th day of May, 1896.

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF THE JAFFNA COMMERCIAL CORPORATION, LIMITED.

REGULATIONS.

THE regulations contained in Table C in the Schedule annexed to "The Joint Stock Companies' Ordinance, 1861," shall not apply to this Company, which shall be governed by the regulations contained in these Articles, but subject to repeal, addition, or alteration by special resolution.

BUSINESS.

2. The Company shall proceed to carry on business as soon after the registration thereof as the Directors shall think fit, and notwithstanding that the whole of the shares shall not have been subscribed or applied for, or allotted, they shall do so as soon as in the judgment of the Directors a sufficient number of shares shall have been subscribed or applied for, or allotted.

3. The business of the Company shall be carried on by the Directors, subject to the control of General Meetings in accordance with these regulations.

SHARES.

4. The shares shall be under the control of the Directors, who may allot or otherwise dispose of the same to such persons, on such terms and conditions and at such times as the Directors think fit.

5. Every person taking any share in the Company shall testify his acceptance thereof by writing under his hand in such form as the Directors may from time to time specify.

6. Of the full amount of Rs. 100 per share, a sum of Rs. 10 shall be paid on application, a further sum of Rs. 30 shall be paid on allotment, and the remaining sum of Rs. 60 shall be paid at such times and in such instalments as the Directors may from time to time regulate.

7. The Company shall, before making any calls upon the Shareholders in respect of moneys due from them on their shares, give one month's notice at least of each such call by publication in one or more of the local newspapers and by serving written notice thereof in manner hereinafter prescribed.

8. If on or before the day appointed for payment any Shareholder does not pay the amount due from him, then such Shareholder shall be liable to pay interest for the same at the rate of twelve per cent. per annum from the date of default till the time of payment in full of such amount.

9. The Company may, if they think fit, receive from any of the Shareholders willing to advance the same, all or any part of the moneys due upon their respective shares beyond the sums actually called for, and upon the moneys so paid in advance, or so much thereof as from time to time exceeds the amount of the calls then made upon the shares in respect of which such advance has been made, the Company may pay interest to such Shareholder at such rate as may be agreed upon between him and the Company.

10. The shares shall be allotted at the discretion of and by the Directors, who may from time to time issue any unissued shares, and may add to such shares such an amount of premium as they may consider proper.

11. Each Shareholder shall be liable to pay the amount of calls made on him to the person and at the time and at the place appointed by the Directors.

12. A call shall be deemed to have been made at the time when the resolution of the Directors authorizing such call was passed.

13. If several persons are joint-holders of any share, any one of such persons may give effectual receipt for any dividend payable in respect of such share.

14. The certificate of title to shares shall be issued under the seal of the Company and signed by two Directors and the Secretary, or in such other manner as the Directors shall prescribe.

15. Every member shall be entitled on payment of fifty cents to one certificate for all the shares registered in his name, specifying the share or shares held by him and the amount paid up thereon.

16. If such certificate is worn out or lost, it may be renewed on payment of fifty cents.

17. No person shall exercise any rights of a member until his name shall have been entered in the register of members, and he shall have paid all moneys payable for the time being on every share held by him

TRANSFER OF SHARES.

18. The Company may decline to register any transfer of shares made by a Shareholder indebted to them.

19. Any member may, with the consent of the Directors previously obtained, transfer all or any of his shares. The instrument of such transfer shall be in writing, signed both by the transferor and the transferee, and the transferor shall be deemed to remain the holder of the share until the name of the transferee is entered in the register.

20. The instrument of transfer shall be presented to the Company, accompanied by such evidence as they may require to prove the title of the transferor, and thereupon the Company shall register the transferee as a Shareholder.

21. The transfer books shall be closed during the fourteen days immediately preceding the Ordinary General Meeting in each year.

22. The executors, or administrators, or heirs of a deceased Shareholder shall be the only persons recognized by the Company as having any title to his share.

23. Any person becoming entitled to a share in consequence of the death, bankruptcy, or insolvency of any Shareholder, or in consequence of the marriage of any female Shareholder, or in any way other than by transfer, may be registered as a Shareholder upon such evidence being produced as may from time to time be required by the Company.

24. Any person who has become entitled to a share in any way other than by transfer may, instead of being registered himself, elect to have some person to be named by him registered as a holder of such share. The person so becoming entitled shall testify such election by executing to his nominee a transfer of such share.

CALLS.

25. If any Shareholder fails to pay any call or instalment due from him on the appointed day, the Company may at any time thereafter, during such time as the amount remains unpaid, serve a notice on him requiring him to pay such amount, together with any interest that may have accrued by reason of such non-payment.

26. The notice shall name a further day and a place or places on and at which such money is to be paid. It shall further state that in the event of non-payment at the time and place appointed, the share in respect of which such money is due is liable to be forfeited.

27. If the requisitions of any such notice are not complied with, any shares in respect of which such notice has been given may at any time thereafter be forfeited by a resolution of the Directors to that effect.

28. Any shares so forfeited shall be deemed to be the property of the Company, and may be disposed of in such manner as the Company thinks fit.

29. Any Shareholder whose share has been forfeited shall, notwithstanding, be liable to pay to the Company all moneys owing upon such shares at the time of such forfeiture.

CAPITAL.

30. The Directors may, with the sanction of the Company previously given in General Meeting, increase its capital by the creation of new shares.

31. Any capital raised by the creation of new shares shall be considered part of the original capital, and shall be subject to the same provisions in all respects, whether with reference to the payment of calls, or the forfeiture of shares on non-payment of calls, or otherwise, as if it had been part of the original capital.

MEETINGS.

32. The first General Meeting shall be held at such time, not being more than twelve months after the incorporation of the Company, and at such place as the Directors may determine.

33. Subsequent General Meetings may be held at such time and place as may be prescribed by the Company in General Meeting, and if not so prescribed, then at such place and at such time in the month of July in each year as the Directors shall determine.

34. The above-mentioned General Meetings shall be called Ordinary Meetings ; all other General Meetings shall be called Extraordinary.

35. The Directors may, whenever they think fit, and they shall upon a requisition made in writing by any number of Shareholders holding in the aggregate not less than one-fifth part of the shares of the Company, convene an Extraordinary General Meeting.

36. Any requisition so made by the Shareholders shall express the object of the meeting proposed to be called, and shall be left at the registered office of the Company.

37. Upon the receipt of such requisition the Directors shall forthwith proceed to convene a General Meeting ; if they do not proceed to convene the same within twenty-one days from the date of the requisition, the requisitionists or any other Shareholders holding the required number of shares may themselves convene a meeting.

38. Twenty-one days' notice at least, specifying the place and the hour of meeting, and the purpose for which any General Meeting is to be held, shall be given by advertisement, or in such other manner, if any, as may be prescribed by the Company.

39. Any Shareholder may, on giving not less than seven days' previous notice of any resolution, submit the same to a meeting.

40. Such notice shall be given by leaving a copy of the resolution at the registered office of the Company.

41. No business shall be transacted at any meeting, except the declaration of dividend, unless a quorum of Shareholders is present at the commencement of such business, and such quorum shall be ascertained as follows ; that is to say, if the Shareholders belonging to the Company at the time of the meeting do not exceed twenty in number, the quorum shall be ten ; if they exceed twenty, there shall be added to the above quorum one for every additional Shareholder, with this limitation, that no quorum shall in any case exceed forty.

42. If within one hour from the time appointed for the meeting the required number of Shareholders is not present, the meeting, if convened upon the requisition of Shareholders, shall be dissolved. In any other case it shall stand adjourned to the following day at the same time and place ; and if at such adjourned meeting the required number of Shareholders is not present, it shall be adjourned *sine die*.

43. The Chairman (if any) of the Board of Directors shall preside as Chairman at every meeting of the Company. If there be no such Chairman, or if at any meeting he is not present, the Shareholders present shall choose one of their number to be Chairman of the meeting.

44. The Chairman may, with the consent of the meeting, adjourn any meeting from time to time and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place.

45. At any General Meeting, unless a poll is demanded by at least five Shareholders, a declaration by the Chairman that a resolution has been carried, and an entry to that effect in the book of proceedings of the Company, shall be sufficient evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded for or against such resolution.

46. If a poll is demanded in manner aforesaid, the same shall be taken in such manner as the Chairman directs, and the result of such poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the Company in general meeting.

47. Every Shareholder shall have one vote for every share held by him.

48. If any Shareholder is a minor, lunatic, idiot, or prodigal, he may vote by the person legally appointed to the charge and administration of his property.

49. If one or more persons are jointly entitled to a share or shares, the person whose name stands first in the register of Shareholders as one of the holders of such share or shares, and no other, shall be entitled to vote in respect of the same.

50. No Shareholder shall be entitled to vote at any meeting unless all moneys due from him to the Company are paid.

51. Votes may be given either personally or by proxy. A proxy shall be appointed in writing under the hand of the appointor, or, if such appointor is a corporation, under their common seal, and shall have affixed thereto a stamp of such value as shall in law be requisite.

52. No person shall be appointed a proxy who is not a Shareholder, and the instrument appointing him shall be deposited at the registered office of the Company not less than twenty-four hours before the time of holding the meeting at which he proposes to vote ; but no such instrument shall be valid after the expiration of three months from the date of its execution.

DIRECTORS.

53. Until otherwise determined by a General Meeting, the number of Directors shall not be less than seven nor exceed fifteen.

54. The qualification of a Director shall be the holding of ten shares, or the obtaining of the votes of a person or persons holding twenty-five shares in the aggregate.

55. The first Directors shall be Messrs. Melville Geddes, S. Nagalingam, A. Kanagasabai, V. Casippulle, Alex. Toussaint, S. Venasitamby, S. Naganathar, S. Muttusamypillai, Wm. Mather, M. B. Swampulle, R. M. Velupillai, S. Manuelpillai, Mudaliyár Comaravelupillai, G. W. Toussaint, Ba-nanando, and they shall hold office, except in the event of their becoming respectively disqualified, until the first Ordinary General Meeting of the Company.

56. Any casual vacancy in the Board may be filled up by the Board, but any person so chosen shall hold office only until the next Annual General Meeting.

57. As remuneration for their services the Directors shall be entitled to receive out of the funds of the Company such annual sum as may be voted by the Shareholders in General Meeting. Such remuneration shall be exclusive of any sum paid by way of salary or remuneration to any Managing Director or Directors, and shall be divided among the Directors as they may determine.

58. The office of a Director shall be vacated—

- (1) If he ceases to hold the number of shares or votes qualifying him for the office.
- (2) If by notice in writing to the Company he resigns office.
- (3) If he becomes insolvent.
- (4) If he is found lunatic or become of unsound mind.

59. The Company may by special resolution remove any Director before the expiration of his term of office and appoint another member in his stead.

60. At every Ordinary Meeting of the Company the whole of the Directors shall retire from office, but they shall be eligible for re-election.

61. The Directors may from time to time appoint one or more of their body to be Managing Director or Directors of the Company, either for any fixed term or without any limitation as to the period for which he is to hold such office; and may, subject to any contract between him and the Company, from time to time remove or dismiss him from office and appoint another in his place. The remuneration of the Managing Director shall be fixed by the Directors, and may be by way of salary, commission, percentage, or participation in profits, or by any or all of these modes.

The Directors may from time to time entrust to and confer upon a Managing Director such of the powers exercisable by them, as they think fit, subject to such terms and conditions as they may prescribe.

62. The Directors may meet together for despatch of business, adjourn, and otherwise regulate their meetings as they think fit, and may determine the quorum necessary for the transaction of business, and until otherwise determined five shall form a quorum.

63. A Director may, and the Secretary at the request of any Director shall, at any time convene any meeting of the Directors. Questions arising at any meeting of the Directors shall be decided by a majority of votes of the Directors present, and in case of equality of votes the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

64. The Directors may elect a Chairman of their meetings, and may determine the period for which he shall hold office. If such Chairman has not been appointed, or if he is not present at the time appointed for a meeting, the Directors present shall choose some one of those present to be Chairman of such meeting.

65. The Directors shall cause minutes to be made in a book or books provided for and solely used for that purpose—

- (1) Of all appointments of officers made by the Directors;
- (2) Of the names of Directors present at each meeting of Directors;
- (3) Of all orders made by the Directors;
- (4) Of all resolutions and proceedings of meetings of the Company and of the Directors;

and any such minute as aforesaid, if signed by any person purporting to be the Chairman of any Meeting of Directors, shall be receivable in evidence without any further proof.

66. A resolution in writing signed by all the Directors shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Directors duly called and constituted.

67. The Directors may delegate any of their powers to committees consisting of such member or members of their body as they think fit, and may revoke the appointment of any such committee. Any committee so formed shall, in the exercise of the powers so delegated, conform to any regulations that may from time to time be imposed on it by the Directors.

68. The meetings and proceedings of any such committee consisting of two or more members shall be governed by the provisions herein contained for regulating the meetings and proceedings of Directors, so far as the same are applicable thereto, and are not superseded by the express terms of the appointment of the committee or by any such regulations as aforesaid.

DIVIDEND.

69. The Directors may, with the sanction of the Company in General Meeting, declare a dividend to be paid to the Shareholders in proportion to their shares.

70. No dividend shall be payable except out of the profits arising from the business of the Company and with the sanction of the Directors.

71. The Directors may, before recommending any dividend, set aside out of the profits of the Company such sum as they think proper as a reserve fund to meet contingencies, or for equalizing dividends, or for repairing or maintaining the works connected with the business of the Company or any part thereof, and the Directors may invest the sum so set apart as a reserve fund upon such security as they may with the sanction of the Company select.

72. The Directors may deduct from the dividends payable to any Shareholder all such sums of money as may be due from him to the Company on account of calls or otherwise.

73. No dividends shall bear interest as against the Company.

74. Notice of any dividend that may have been declared shall be given to each Shareholder or sent by post or otherwise to his registered place of abode, and all dividends unclaimed for three years after having been declared may be forfeited by the Directors for the benefit of the Company.

75. The Directors shall cause true accounts to be kept of the moneys received and expended by the Company, and all matters in respect of which such receipts and expenditure take place, and of the property, assets, credits, and liabilities of the Company. But no member shall have any right to insist on the inspection of any account book or document of the Company except as conferred by the Ordinance authorized by the Directors, or by a resolution of the Company in General Meeting.

ACCOUNTS.

76. Once at least in every year the Directors shall lay before the Company in General Meeting a statement of the income and expenditure of the Company for the past year made up to a date not more than three months before such meeting.

77. The statement so made shall show, arranged under the most convenient heads, the amount of gross income, distinguishing the several sources from which it has been derived, and the amount of gross expenditure, distinguishing the expense of the establishment, salaries, and other matters.

78. Every item of expenditure fairly chargeable against the year's income shall be brought into account, so that a just balance of the profit and loss may be laid before the meeting; and in cases where any item of expenditure, which may in fairness be distributed over several years has been incurred in any one year, the whole amount of such item shall be stated with the addition of the reasons why only a portion of such expenditure is charged against the year.

79. At the Ordinary Meeting in each year the Directors shall lay before the Company a balance sheet containing a summary of the property and liabilities of the Company.

80. A printed copy of such balance sheet shall, twenty-one days previously to such meeting, be delivered or sent by post to the address of every Shareholder.

AUDIT.

81. The accounts of the Company shall be examined and the correctness of the balance sheet ascertained by one or more Auditors to be elected by the Company in General Meeting.

82. The remuneration of the Auditors shall be fixed by the Company at the time of their election.

83. If any casual vacancy occurs in the office of Auditors, the Directors shall forthwith call an Extraordinary General Meeting for the purpose of supplying the same.

84. The Directors shall appoint the first Auditors to audit the accounts of the Company until the first Ordinary General Meeting and fix the remuneration payable to them.

85. Every Auditor shall be supplied with a copy of the balance sheet, and it shall be his duty to examine the same with the accounts and vouchers relating thereto.

86. Every Auditor shall have a list delivered to him of all the books kept by the Company, and he shall at all reasonable times have access to the books and accounts of the Company. He may at the expense of the Company employ accountants or other persons to assist him in investigating such accounts, and he may in relation to such accounts examine the Directors or any other officer of the Company.

87. The Auditors shall make a report to the Shareholders upon the balance sheet and accounts, and in every such report they shall state whether, in their opinion, the balance sheet is full and fair, containing the particulars required by these regulations, and properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs, and in case they have called for explanations or information from the Directors, whether such explanations or information have been given by the Directors, and whether they have been satisfactory; and such report shall be read together with the report of the Director, at the Ordinary Meeting.

NOTICES.

88. Notices requiring to be served by the Company upon the Shareholders may be served either personally or by leaving the same or sending them through the post at their registered places of abode.

89. Every Shareholder shall give an address which shall be deemed his place of abode, and shall be registered as such in the books of the Company.

90. Any notice sent by post shall be deemed to have been served at the time when the letter concerning the same is posted, and in proving such service it shall be sufficient to prove that the letter containing the notice was properly addressed and put in a post office box or handed in at a post office.

In witness whereof the subscribers to the Memorandum of Association have hereto set and subscribed their names this Eleventh day of May, One thousand Eight hundred and Ninety-six.

M. B. SWAMPILLAI, Jaffna.

WM. MATHER, Jaffna.

ALEX. TOUSSAINT, Jaffna.

GEO. W. TOUSSAINT, Jaffna.

S. NAGALINGAM, Jaffna.

V. CASIPPILLAI, Jaffna.

A. KANAGASABAI, Advocate, Jaffna.

Witness to the above signatures:

K. WYTIALINGAM, Storekeeper, Ceylon Steamship Company, Limited, Jaffna.

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION OF PATES, LIMITED.

1. THE name of the Company is "Pates, Limited."
2. The registered office of the Company is to be established in Colombo.
3. The objects for which the Company is established are—
 - (a) To take over, purchase, acquire, carry on, and develop the business now carried on by Charles Henry Pate under the name and style of "A. Pate & Son," of Farriers and Veterinary Surgeons; Carriage and Coach Builders; Horse Importers and Dealers; Boot, Shoe, and Harness and Saddle Manufacturers; Livery Stable Keepers; and Auctioneers and Commission Agents in Colombo in the Island of Ceylon; together with the goodwill of such business and the whole or any part of the movable and immovable property and rights held and enjoyed in connection with such business or any of them, and to undertake all or any of the burdens and obligations of the said business or any of them.
 - (b) To carry on in the Island of Ceylon or elsewhere the business of carriage and coachbuilders, horse importers and dealers, boot and shoe and harness and saddle manufacturers, and livery stable keepers, and also to import, buy, sell, retail, manufacture, and deal in horses and other animals, leather, machinery, rolling stock, iron, steel, and metal implements, tools, utensils, fittings, and conveniences of all kinds which can be conveniently dealt in by the Company.
 - (c) To carry on in the Island of Ceylon or elsewhere the business of merchants, provision dealers, and storekeepers, and also to import, buy, sell, retail, and deal in provisions, oilmanstores, general goods, fancy articles, merchandise, stores, and other goods and articles.
 - (d) To act as and carry on, in Colombo or elsewhere in the Island of Ceylon, the business of auctioneers and commission agents, farriers and veterinary surgeons, either in continuation or extension of the business carried on by the said A. Pate & Son, or otherwise.
 - (e) To purchase, sell, or hire, and employ horses or carriages and other vehicles.
 - (f) To acquire or establish and carry on any other business, manufacturing, shipping, or otherwise, which can be conveniently carried on in connection with any of the Company's general business.
 - (g) To purchase, take on lease or in exchange, hire, or otherwise acquire any movable or immovable property, and any rights or privileges which the Company may think necessary or convenient with reference to any of these objects, and capable of being profitably dealt with in connection with any of the Company's property or rights for the time being, and in particular any lands, buildings, easements, concessions, patents, patent rights or rights of an analogous character, whether British or foreign, licenses, secret processes, trade marks, rolling stock, plant, implements, tools, patterns of all kinds, and stock in trade.
 - (h) To purchase or otherwise acquire and undertake all or any part of the business, property, and liabilities of any corporation or company, person or persons, carrying on any business which this Company is authorized to carry on, or possessed of property suitable for the purposes of the Company.
 - (i) To amalgamate, unite, or co-operate, either generally or to or for any limited extent or period, determinable, continuous, or otherwise, with any corporation, company, person or persons, already or hereafter to be established for or engaged in objects all of which are or shall be within the scope of or connected with any of the objects of this Company; and to purchase or acquire the business or any interest in the business, or in any branch of the business, carried on by any such corporation, company, person or persons, and being a business which this Company is authorized to carry on; and for any such purpose to make and enter into any contracts, agreements, or arrangements, and to undertake any liabilities.
 - (j) To enter into partnership or into any arrangement for sharing profits, union of interests, reciprocal concession or co-operation with any corporation, company, person or persons, carrying on or about to carry on any business which this Company is authorized to carry on, or any business or transaction capable of being conducted so as directly or indirectly to benefit this Company, and to take or otherwise acquire and hold shares or stock in, or securities of, and to subsidise or otherwise assist any such company, and to sell, hold, re-issue, with or without guarantee, or otherwise deal with such shares or securities.
 - (k) To pay for any property or business or services rendered or to be rendered, in shares (to be treated as either wholly or partly paid up) or debentures or debenture stock of the Company, or in money, or partly in shares or debentures or debenture stock, and partly in money.
 - (l) To sell, lease, let on hire, improve, work, manage, develop, mortgage, dispose of, turn to account, or otherwise deal with all or any of the property and rights of the Company, and to construct, maintain, and alter any buildings or works necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Company.
 - (m) To sell the undertaking of the Company or any part thereof for such consideration as the Company may think fit, and in particular for shares, debentures, or securities of any other Company, either formed to acquire the same or having objects altogether or in part similar to those of this Company.
 - (n) To promote any other Company for the purpose of acquiring all or any of the property, rights, and liabilities of the Company, or of advancing directly or indirectly the objects or interests thereof, or for any other purpose which may seem directly or indirectly calculated to benefit this Company, and to take or otherwise acquire and hold shares, stocks, or obligations of any such Company, or any other Company having objects altogether or in part similar to those of this Company; and also to purchase, acquire, and hold any interest in or shares or stocks of railway companies, dock companies, tramway companies, electric light companies,

and any other companies in the United Kingdom, Ceylon, or elsewhere, carrying on any business capable of being conducted so as directly or indirectly to benefit this Company, and to guarantee the payment of any debentures or other securities issued by any such companies, and upon a distribution of assets or division of profits to distribute any such shares, stocks, or obligations amongst the members of this Company in specie.

(o) To invest, lend, or otherwise deal with the moneys of the Company not immediately required, upon such security or without security, and in such manner as may from time to time be determined, and in particular to lend money to customers and other parties dealing with the Company, and to guarantee the performance of contracts by any such persons.

(p) To borrow or raise money for the purposes of the Company, or receive money on deposit at interest or otherwise, and for the purpose of raising or securing money, or any other purpose, to issue any mortgages, debentures, debenture stock, bonds or obligations of the Company, either at par, premium, or discount, and either redeemable or irredeemable, or perpetual, secured upon all or any part of the undertaking, revenue, rights, and property of the Company, present and future, including uncalled capital or the unpaid calls of the Company, and to exchange or vary from time to time any such securities.

(q) To make, accept, endorse, and execute promissory notes, bills of exchange, and other negotiable instruments.

(r) To do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them, or which may be conveniently carried on and done in connection therewith, or which may be calculated directly or indirectly to enhance the value of or render profitable any business or property of the Company.

4. The liability of the members is limited.

5. The capital of the Company is Rupees Three hundred thousand (Rs. 300,000), divided into three thousand shares of Rupees One hundred each, with power to increase or reduce. The shares forming the capital (original, increased, or reduced) of the Company may be divided into such classes, with such preferences and other special incidents, and be issued on such terms as may be prescribed by the Articles of Association and Regulations of the Company for the time being, or otherwise.

We, the several persons whose names and addresses are subscribed, are desirous of being formed into a Company in pursuance of this Memorandum of Association, and we respectively agree to take the number of shares in the capital set opposite our respective names:—

Names and Addresses of Subscribers.	Number of Shares taken by each Subscriber.
GEORGE J. JAMESON, Colombo	One
FLOWERDEW MACINDOE, By his Attorney GEORGE J. JAMESON, Colombo	One
GILBERT F. TRAILL, Colombo	One
W. SAUNDERS, Colombo	One
E. BENHAM, Colombo	One
W. SHAKSPEARE, Colombo	One
J. W. CHAS. DE SOYSA, Colombo	One
S. PETER SOYSA, Colombo	One

Witness to the above signatures :

R. F. DE SARAM, Proctor, Colombo.

Dated at Colombo this Third day of June, 1896.

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF PATES, LIMITED.

REGULATIONS.

1. The regulations contained in table C in the schedule annexed to "The Joint Stock Companies' Ordinance, 1861," shall not apply to this Company, which shall be governed by the regulations contained in these articles, but subject to repeal, addition, or alteration by special resolutions. The Company may, by special resolution, alter or make provision instead of, or in addition to, any of the regulations of the Company, whether contained or comprised in these Articles or not.

PRELIMINARY.

2. *Preliminary.*—The Company shall forthwith after its incorporation purchase and acquire as a going concern the business of Farriers and General Veterinary Surgeons, Carriage and Coach Builders, Horse Importers and Dealers, Boot, Shoe, Harness, and Saddle Manufacturers, Livery Stable Keepers, and Auctioneers and Commission Agents, carried on in Slave Island and Chatham Street, Fort, Colombo, by Charles Henry Pate under the name and style of "A. Pate & Son," together with the stock in trade, workshops, plant, furniture, fittings, live stock, and goodwill, and the freehold premises No. 10 and No. 12, Union Place, Slave Island, as from the First day of June, 1896, for the sum of rupees one hundred and fifty thousand, upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon between the Company and the said Charles Henry Pate.

BUSINESS.

3. *Commencement of Business.*—The Company may proceed to carry on business and to employ and apply its capital as soon after the registration of the Company as the Directors in their discretion shall think fit, and, notwithstanding that the whole of the shares shall not have been subscribed or applied for, or allotted, they shall do so as soon as in the judgment of the Directors a sufficient number of shares shall have been subscribed or applied for.

4. *Conduct of Business.*—The business of the Company shall be carried on by or under the management or direction of the Directors, and subject only to the control of General Meetings in accordance with these presents.

ORIGINAL CAPITAL.

5. *Nature and Amount.*—The original capital of the Company is three hundred thousand rupees divided into three thousand shares of one hundred rupees each.

ORIGINAL SHARES.

6. *Control.*—The shares shall be under the control of the Directors, who may allot or otherwise dispose of the same to such persons on such terms and conditions and at such times as the Directors think fit.

7. *Acceptance.*—Every person taking any share in the Company shall testify his acceptance thereof by writing under his hand, in such form as the Company from time to time directs.

8. *Payment.*—Of the full amount of one hundred rupees per share, twenty-five rupees shall be paid on application, and the balance seventy-five rupees shall be paid on allotment of each share.

9. *Interest on unpaid.*—If before or on the day appointed for payment any Shareholder does not pay the amount for which he is liable, then such Shareholder shall be liable to pay interest for the same at the rate of nine per cent. per annum from the day appointed for the payment thereof to the time of the actual payment.

10. *Issue.*—The shares, except where otherwise provided, shall be allotted at the discretion of and by the Directors, who may from time to time issue any unissued shares, and may add to such shares such an amount of premium as they may consider proper. Provided that such unissued shares shall first be offered by the Directors to the registered Shareholders for the time being of the Company, as nearly as possible in proportion to the shares already held by them, and such shares as shall not be accepted by the Shareholder or Shareholders to whom the shares shall have been offered, within the time specified in that behalf by the Directors, may be disposed of by the Directors in such manner as they think most beneficial to the Company. Provided also that the Directors may at their discretion allot any unissued shares in payment for any movable or immovable property acquired by the Company, without first offering such shares to the registered Shareholders for the time being of the Company.

INCREASE OF CAPITAL.

11. *Nature and Amount.*—The Directors may, with the sanction of a special resolution of the Company in General Meeting, increase its capital by the creation of new shares, of such amounts per share and in the aggregate as such resolution shall direct.

12. *Same as Original Capital.*—Any capital raised by the creation of new shares shall, subject as aforesaid, be considered part of the original capital, and shall, accordingly, be subject to the provisions herein contained with reference to the payment of calls and instalments, transfer and transmission, forfeiture, lien, surrender, and otherwise.

NEW SHARES.

13. *Terms and Conditions.*—The new shares shall be issued upon such terms and conditions, and with such rights and privileges annexed thereto, as the General Meeting resolving on the creation thereof; or any other General Meeting of the Company, shall direct; and if no direction shall be given, as the Directors shall determine, and in particular such shares may be issued with a preferential or qualified right to dividends, and to ranking in the distribution of the assets of the Company, and with a special or without any right of voting.

14. *Issue.*—All new shares shall be offered by the Directors to the registered Shareholders for the time being of the Company as nearly as possible in proportion to the amount of the existing shares held by them, and such shares as shall not be accepted by the Shareholder or Shareholders to whom the same shall have been offered within the time specified in that behalf by the Directors, may be disposed of by the Directors in such manner as they think most beneficial to the Company. Provided that the Directors may at their discretion allot any new shares in payment for any movable or immovable property acquired by the Company, without first offering such shares to the registered Shareholders for the time being of the Company.

15. *Premium.*—The Directors shall have power to add to such new shares such an amount of premium as they may consider proper.

** SHARE CERTIFICATES.

16. *Certificates.*—The certificates of title to shares shall be issued under the seal of the Company and signed by two or more Directors or by one Director and the Secretary or Secretaries for the time being, or in such other manner as the Directors shall prescribe.

17. *How issued.*—Every member shall be entitled to one certificate for all the shares registered in his name, or to several certificates, each for a part of such shares; and every certificate of shares shall specify the number of shares in respect of which it is issued, the class, and the amount paid up thereon or credited thereto.

18. *Renewal of Certificate.*—If any certificate be worn out or defaced, then, upon production thereof to the Directors, they may order the same to be cancelled, and may issue a new certificate in lieu thereof; and if any certificate be lost or destroyed, then, upon proof thereof to the satisfaction of the Directors, and on such indemnity as the Directors deem adequate being given, a new certificate in lieu thereof shall be given to the person entitled to such lost or destroyed certificate.

19. *Fee for same.*—Such sum (if any) not exceeding fifty cents, as the Directors may determine, shall be paid to the Company for every certificate so issued in the place of a certificate lost or destroyed.

20. *Company not bound to recognize any Interest in Share other than that of registered Holder, or of any Person under clause 35.*—The Company shall not be bound to recognize (even though having notice of) any contingent, future, partial, or equitable interest in the nature of a trust or otherwise in any share, or any other right in respect of any share, except an absolute right thereto in the person from time to time registered as the holder thereof, and except also the right of any person under clause 35 to become a shareholder in respect of any share.

JOINT HOLDERS.

21. *Certificate to the first named.*—The certificates of shares registered in the names of two or more persons shall be delivered to the person first-named in the register in respect thereof.

22. *Receipts and Votes.*—Any one of the joint-holders of a share may give effectual receipts for any dividends payable in respect of such share, but the Shareholder whose name stands first on the register, and no other, shall be entitled to the right of voting and of giving proxies, and all other advantages conferred on a sole Shareholder.

23. *Survivor only recognized.*—In case of the death of any one or more of the joint-holders of any shares, the survivor or survivors shall be the only person or persons recognized by the Company as having any title to, or interest in, such shares.

24. *Liability of Joint-holders.*—Joint-holders shall be severally as well as jointly liable for all instalments and calls in respect thereof.

CALLS.

25. *Directors may make Calls.*—The Directors may from time to time make such calls as they think fit upon the Members in respect of all moneys unpaid on the shares held by them, and not by the conditions of allotment thereof made payable at fixed times, and each Member shall pay the amount of every call so made upon him to the person, and at the time and at the place appointed by the Directors. A call may be made either in one sum or by two or more instalments.

26. *Time when made.*—A call shall be deemed to have been made at the time when the resolution of the Directors authorizing such call was passed.

27. *Notice of Call.*—One month's notice at the least of any call shall be given, specifying the time and place of payment, and to whom such call shall be paid.

28. *Interest on unpaid Call.*—If the sum payable in respect of any call or instalment is not paid on or before the day appointed for the payment thereof, the holder for the time being of the share in respect of which the call shall have been made, or the instalments shall be due, shall pay interest for the same at the rate of nine per cent. per annum from the day appointed for payment thereof to the time of the actual payment, but the Directors may, when they think fit, remit altogether or in part any sum becoming payable for interest under this clause.

29. *Payments in anticipation of Calls.*—The Directors may, at their discretion, receive from any Member willing to advance the same, and upon such terms as they think fit, including a condition that the same may be applied in extinction of future calls although not then made, all or any part of the moneys due upon the shares held by such Member beyond the sums paid up or payable thereon, and in particular such moneys may be received upon the terms that interest shall be paid thereon or on so much thereof as for the time being exceeds the amount called up.

TRANSFER OF SHARES.

30. *Exercise of Rights.*—No person shall exercise any rights of a Member until his name shall have been entered in the register of Members, and he shall have paid all calls and other moneys for the time being payable on every share in the Company held by him.

31. *Transfer of Shares.*—Subject to the restrictions of these Articles, any Member may transfer all or any of his shares. The instrument of transfer of any share shall be in writing, signed both by the transferor and the transferee, and the transferor shall be deemed to remain the holder of the share until the name of the transferee is entered in the register in respect thereof.

32. *Refusal to register.*—The Directors may decline to register any transfer of shares by a Shareholder who is indebted to the Company, or of any share on which the Company has a lien, or any transfer of shares made by any person in any case where they shall consider the proposed transferee to be an irresponsible person, or that the transfer will not be conducive to the interest of the Company, or in case of shares not fully paid up to any person not approved by them. The Directors shall not be required to assign any reason for so declining. In the event of the Directors declining to register a transfer, they shall, upon the request of the Shareholder desirous of executing the same, convene an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company, to resolve whether the said transfer shall be registered or not; and the resolution of such General Meeting shall be absolute.

33. *Registration of Transfer.*—Every instrument of transfer must be left at the office of the Company to be registered, accompanied by such evidence as the Directors may reasonably require to prove the title of the transferor or his right to transfer his shares, and a fee of rupees two and cents fifty, or such other sum as the Directors shall from time to time determine, must be paid, and thereupon the Directors, subject to the powers vested in them by Article 32, shall register the transferee as a Shareholder and retain the instrument of transfer, but any instrument of transfer which the Directors may decline to register shall on demand be returned to the person depositing the same.

34. *Close of Books.*—The transfer books shall be closed during the fourteen days immediately preceding the Ordinary General Meeting in each year.

TRANSMISSION OF SHARES.

35. *Death of Shareholders.*—The executors, or administrators, or heirs of a deceased Shareholder shall be the only persons recognized by the Company as having any title to his share.

36. *Registration of new Interest.*—Any person becoming entitled to a share in consequence of the death, bankruptcy, or insolvency of any Shareholder, or in consequence of the marriage of any female Shareholder, or in any way other than by transfer, may be registered as a Shareholder upon such evidence being produced as may from time to time be required by the Directors.

37. *Transfer of new Interest.*—Any person who has become entitled to a share in any way other than by transfer may, instead of being registered himself, elect to have some person to be named by him registered as a holder of such share. The person so becoming entitled shall testify such election by executing to his nominee a transfer of such share. The instrument of transfer shall be presented to the Company, accompanied with such evidence as the Directors may require to prove the title of the transferor, and thereupon the Company shall, subject to the power vested in them by Article 32, register the transferee as a Shareholder.

SURRENDER OF SHARES.

38. *Terms of.*—The Directors may accept, in the name and for the benefit of the Company, upon such terms and conditions as may be arranged, the surrender of any shares in the capital of the Company, and any share so surrendered shall be dealt with in the same manner as is provided in these Articles with regard to forfeited shares.

FORFEITURE OF SHARES.

39. *Preliminary Notice.*—If any Shareholder fails to pay any allotment money, or call, or instalment on the appointed day, the Company may at any time thereafter, during such time as the call remains unpaid, serve a notice on him requiring him to pay such call, together with any interest that may have accrued, and all expenses that may have been incurred by the Company by reason of such non-payment.

40. *Terms of Notice.*—The notice shall name a day (not being less than twenty-eight days from the date of the notice) and a place or places on and at which such allotment money, or call, or instalment, and such interest and expenses as aforesaid, are to be paid. The notice shall also state that in the event of non-payment at or before the time and at the place appointed, the shares in respect of which the allotment money, or call, or instalment is payable will be liable to be forfeited.

41. *Forfeiture.*—If the requisitions of any such notice as aforesaid are not complied with, any shares in respect of which such notice has been given may, at any time thereafter, before payment of all moneys, calls, or instalments and interest, and expenses due in respect thereof, be forfeited by a resolution of the Directors to that effect.

42. *Disposal of Shares forfeited.*—Any shares so forfeited shall be deemed to be the property of the Company, and the Directors may sell, re-allot, or otherwise dispose of the same in such manner as they think fit.

43. *Continuing liability.*—Any member whose shares have been forfeited shall, notwithstanding, be liable to pay, and shall forthwith pay to the Company all moneys, calls, instalments, interest, and expenses owing upon or in respect of such shares at the time of the forfeiture, together with legal interest thereon from the time of forfeiture until payment; and the Directors may enforce the payment of such moneys or any part thereof if they think fit.

44. *Annulment.*—The Directors may at any time before any share so forfeited shall have been sold, re-allotted, or otherwise disposed of, annul the forfeiture thereof upon such conditions as they think fit.

LIEN OF COMPANY ON SHARES.

45. *Paramount.*—The Company shall have a first and paramount lien upon all the shares not fully paid up registered in the name of any Member (whether solely or jointly with others) for his debts, liabilities, and engagements, solely or jointly with any other person to or with the Company, whether the period for the payment or discharge thereof shall have actually arrived or not, and such lien shall extend to all dividends declared on such shares.

46. *Enforcement.*—For the purposes of enforcing such lien the Directors may sell the shares subject thereto in such manner as they think fit, but no sale shall be made until such period as aforesaid shall have arrived, and until notice in writing of the intention to sell shall have been served on such Member, his executors, or administrators, and default shall have been made by him or them in the payment, fulfilment, or discharge of such debts, liabilities, or engagements, for seven days after such notice.

47. *Application of Proceeds.*—The net proceeds of any such sale shall be applied in or towards satisfaction of the debts, liabilities, or engagements of such Member, and the residue (if any) paid to such Member, or his executors, administrators, or assigns.

48. *Transfer.*—Upon any sale in purported exercise of the powers given by these Articles, the Directors may cause the purchaser's name to be entered in the register in respect of the shares sold, and the purchaser shall not be bound to see to the regularity of the proceedings or the application of the purchase money; and after his name has been entered in the register in respect of such shares, the sale shall not, as against him, be impeached by the former holder of the shares or any other person, and the remedy of any Member or person aggrieved by such sale shall be in damages only, and against the Company exclusively.

PREFERENCE SHARES.

49. *Preference and deferred Shares.*—Any shares from time to time to be issued or created may from time to time be issued with any such guarantee or any such right of preference, whether in respect of dividend or of repayment of capital, or both, or any such other special privilege or advantage over any shares previously issued, or then about to be issued (other than shares issued with a preference), or at such a premium, or with such deferred rights as compared with any shares previously issued, or then about to be issued, or subject to any such conditions or provisions, and with any such right or without any right of voting, and generally on such terms as the Company may from time to time by special resolution determine, provided that the number of such preference shares shall not exceed two hundred and fifty.

50. *Resolutions affecting a particular class of Shares.*—If at any time by the issue of preference shares or otherwise the capital is divided into shares of different classes, then the holders of any class of shares may, by an extraordinary resolution passed at a meeting of such holders, consent, on behalf of all the holders of shares of the class, to the issue or creation of any shares ranking equally therewith, or having any priority thereto, or to the abandonment of any preference or priority, or of any accrued dividend, or the reduction for any time, or permanently of the dividends payable thereon, or to any scheme for the reduction of the Company's capital affecting the class of shares, and such resolution shall be binding upon all the holders of shares of the class, provided that this Article shall not be read as implying the necessity for such consent in any case in which but for this Article the object of the resolution could have been effected without it.

51. *Meeting affecting a particular class of Shares.*—Any meeting for the purpose of the last preceding clause shall be convened and conducted in all respects as nearly as possible in the same way as an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company, provided that no Member, not being a Director, shall be entitled to notice thereof or to attend thereat, unless he be a holder of shares of the class intended to be effected by the resolution, and that no vote shall be given except in respect of a share of that class, and that at any such meeting a poll may be demanded in writing by any five Members personally present and entitled to vote at the meeting.

REDUCTION OF CAPITAL.

52. *Reduction of Capital.*—The Company may from time to time, by special resolution, reduce its capital, and may consolidate or subdivide any of its shares which have not been taken or agreed to be taken by any person. Paid up capital may be returned upon the footing that the amount may be called up again or otherwise.

BORROWING POWERS.

53. *Power to Borrow.*—The Directors may from time to time, at their discretion, borrow or raise any sum or sums of money for the purposes of the Company, at such rate of interest and upon such terms as the Directors may determine, provided that the moneys so borrowed or raised and owing at any one time shall not, without the sanction of the General Meeting, exceed rupees ten thousand.

54. *Security for repayment.*—For the purpose of securing the repayment of any such moneys so borrowed or raised, or for any other purpose, the Directors may create and issue any mortgages, debentures, debenture stock bonds, or obligations of the Company charged upon all or any part of the undertaking, revenue, property, and rights of the Company (both present and future), including uncalled capital, or unpaid calls, or by giving, accepting, or endorsing, on behalf of the Company any promissory notes or bills of exchange. Any such securities may be issued either at par or at a premium or discount, and may from time to time be varied or exchanged as the Directors may think fit, and may contain any special privileges as to redemption, surrender, drawings, allotment of shares, or otherwise.

55. *Proof of power to Borrow.*—A declaration under the Company's seal contained in or endorsed upon any of the documents mentioned in Article 54, and subscribed by two or more of the Directors or by one Director and the Secretary, to the effect that the Directors have power to borrow the amount which such document may represent, shall be conclusive evidence thereof in all questions between the Company and its creditors; and no such document containing such declaration shall, as regards the creditor, be void on the ground of its being granted in excess of the aforesaid borrowing power, unless it be proved that such creditor was aware that it was so granted.

56. *Assignment of Security.*—Every mortgage debenture or other instrument issued by the Company for securing the payment of money may be so framed that the moneys thereby secured shall be assignable free from any equities between the Company and the person to whom the same may be issued.

GENERAL MEETINGS.

57. *First General Meeting.*—The first General Meeting shall be held at such time, not being more than twelve months after the incorporation of the Company, and at such place as the Directors may determine.

58. *Subsequent General Meeting.*—Subsequent General Meetings may be held at such time and place as may be prescribed by the Company in General Meeting, and if not so prescribed, then at such place and at such time as soon after the first day of January in each year as the Directors shall determine.

59. *Ordinary and Extraordinary.*—The above-named General Meetings shall be called Ordinary Meetings; all other General Meetings shall be called Extraordinary.

60. *Convening Extraordinary.*—The Directors may, whenever they think fit, and they shall, upon a requisition made in writing by not less than one-fifth in number of the Shareholders of the Company for the time being, or by any Shareholder or Shareholders holding not less than one-fifth part of the shares of the Company for the time being subscribed for, convene an Extraordinary General Meeting.

61. *Requisition for Extraordinary.*—Any requisition so made by the Shareholder or Shareholders shall express the object of the meeting proposed to be called, and shall be left at the registered office of the Company.

62. *Time and place for Extraordinary.*—Upon the receipt of such requisition, the Directors shall forthwith proceed to convene an Extraordinary General Meeting, to be held at such time and place as they shall think fit, not being more than twenty-one days after the leaving of the requisition; and if they do not proceed to convene the said meeting within twenty-one days after the leaving of the requisition, the requisitioner, or requisitionists, or any other Shareholders amounting to the required number may, himself or themselves, convene an Extraordinary General Meeting to be held at such time or place as he or they shall think fit.

63. *Advertisement of Extraordinary.*—Fourteen days' notice at least, specifying the place and the hour of meeting, and purpose for which any meeting is to be held, shall be given by advertisement in the *Ceylon Government Gazette*, or in such other manner, if any, as may be prescribed by the Company.

PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS.

64. *Resolution.*—Any Shareholder may, on giving not less than ten days' previous notice of any resolution, submit the same to a meeting.

65. *Notice of.*—Such notice shall be given by leaving a copy of the resolution at the registered office of the Company.

66. *Quorum.*—In order to constitute a meeting, whether Ordinary or Extraordinary, there shall be present, either personally or by proxy, three or more Shareholders, holding in the aggregate not less than one-tenth of the capital for the time being subscribed for.

67. *Want of Quorum.*—If within one hour from the time appointed for the meeting the required number of Shareholders is not present, the meeting if convened upon the requisition of a Shareholder or Shareholders, shall be dissolved. In any other case it shall stand adjourned to the following day at the same time and place; and if at such adjourned meeting the required number of Shareholders is not present, it shall be adjourned *sine die*.

68. *Quorum for sale of Property or Dissolution.*—In the event of a resolution being brought before a General Meeting involving the sale of the Company's property or any portion thereof, or the winding up of the Company, a majority of three-fourths of the Shareholders present and (or) represented by proxy shall be necessary to carry such resolution.

69. *Chairman.*—The Chairman (if any) of the Board of Directors shall preside as Chairman at every meeting of the Company.

70. *Choice of Chairman.*—If there be no such Chairman, or if at any meeting he is not present at the time of holding the same, the Shareholders present shall choose some one of their number to be Chairman of such meeting.

71. *Adjournment.*—The Chairman may, with the consent of the meeting, adjourn any meeting from time to time and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place.

72. *Poll.*—At any General Meeting, unless a poll is demanded by at least two Shareholders, a declaration by the Chairman that a resolution has been carried, and an entry to that effect in the book of proceedings of the Company, shall be sufficient evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against such resolution. If a poll is demanded in manner aforesaid, the same shall be taken in such manner as the Chairman directs, and the result of such poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the Company in General Meeting.

VOTES OF SHAREHOLDERS.

73. *Proportion of votes to Shares.*—Every Shareholder shall (except as provided for in the Article immediately following) have one vote for every one share held by him up to three. He shall have an additional vote for every two shares beyond the first three up to seven, and an additional vote for three shares held by him beyond the first seven up to ten, and an additional vote for every five shares beyond the first ten.

74. *Sale or winding up.*—When voting on a resolution involving the sale of the Company's property or any portion thereof, or the winding up of the Company, every Shareholder shall have one vote for every share held by him.

75. *Legal Disability.*—If any Shareholder is a minor, lunatic, or idiot, or prodigal, he may vote by the person, or one of the persons if more than one, legally appointed to the charge and administration of his property.

76. *Joint Shareholders.*—If one or more persons are jointly entitled to a share or shares, the person whose name stands first in the register of Shareholders as one of the holders of such share or shares, and no other, shall be entitled to vote in respect of the same.

77. *Disqualification to Vote.*—No Shareholder shall be entitled to vote at any meeting unless all calls due from him have been paid; and no Shareholder other than the trustee or assignee of a bankrupt or representative of a deceased Shareholder, or person acquiring (by marriage, shall be entitled to vote at any meeting held after the expiration of three months from the registration of the Company in respect of any share which he has acquired by transfer, unless he has been possessed of the share in respect of which he claims to vote at least three months previously to the time of holding the meeting at which he proposes to vote.

78. *Mode of Voting.*—Votes may be given either personally or by proxy. A proxy shall be appointed in writing under the hand of the appointor, or, if such appointor is a corporation, under their common seal, and shall have affixed thereto a stamp of such value as shall in law be requisite. Any instrument appointing a proxy may be in the following form:—

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I, _____, of _____, appoint _____, of _____ (a Shareholder in the Company), as my proxy to represent me and to vote for me and on my behalf at the Ordinary (or Extraordinary, as the case may be) General Meeting of the Company to be held on the _____ day of _____, and at any adjournment thereof and at every poll which may be taken in consequence thereof.

Dated the _____ day of _____, 18—.

79. *Proxy.*—No person shall be appointed a proxy who is not a Shareholder, and the instrument or mandate appointing him shall be deposited at the registered office of the Company not less than forty-eight hours before the time of holding the meeting at which he proposes to vote, but no instrument or mandate appointing a proxy shall be valid after the expiration of three months from the date of its execution.

DIRECTORS.

80. *Number of Directors.*—Until otherwise determined by a General Meeting, the number of Directors shall not be less than three nor exceed five.

81. *Qualification of Directors.*—The qualification of a Director shall be the holding of shares or stock of the nominal amount of rupees two thousand (Rs. 2,000). A first Director may act before acquiring this qualification, but shall in any case acquire the same within one month from his appointment; and unless he shall do so he shall be deemed to have agreed to take the said shares or stock from the Company, and the same shall be forthwith allotted to him accordingly.

82. *First Directors.*—The first Directors shall be John Edward Arthur Dick-Lauder of The Grange, Agra Patana; George Jerment Jameson of Colombo; William Stephen Tudor Saunders of Hornsey, Dikoya; and Jeronis William Charles de Soysa of Colombo, who shall have power to nominate and appoint any other persons to be additional Directors, so that the total number of Directors shall not at any time exceed seven, and they shall hold office, except in the event of their becoming respectively disqualified, until the first Ordinary General Meeting of the Company.

83. *Vacancy in the Board.*—Any casual vacancy in the Board may be filled up by the Board, but any person so chosen shall hold his office only until the next annual General Meeting.

84. *If Directors suffice to form a Quorum.*—The powers or functions of a Board shall not cease or be suspended so long as the Board consists of a sufficient number of Directors to form a quorum, although the number of Directors should, from any cause whatever, have fallen below the prescribed lowest number of Directors.

85. *Remuneration of Directors.*—As remuneration for their services, the Directors shall be entitled to receive out of the funds of the Company an annual sum not exceeding rupees two thousand (Rs. 2,000), or such other sum as may be voted by the Shareholders in General Meeting. Such remuneration shall be exclusive of the sum paid to the Members of any local board or committee, or of the sum paid as salary or remuneration to any Managing Director or Directors, and shall be divided among the Directors as they may determine.

86. *Remuneration for extra services.*—If any Director shall be called upon to go or reside abroad on the Company's business, or otherwise perform extra services at home or abroad, the Board may arrange with such Director for such special remuneration for such services, either by way of salary, commission, or the payment of a stated sum of money as they shall think fit.

DISQUALIFICATION OF DIRECTORS.

87. *Resignations of Directors.*—A Director may at any time give notice in writing of his wish to retire by delivering such notice at the office of the Company, and on the acceptance by the Board of his resignation, but not before, his office shall be vacant.

88. *When Office of Director to be vacated.*—The office of a Director shall be vacated—

If he ceases to hold the required number of shares to qualify him for the office.

If by notice in writing to the Company he resigns his office.

If he becomes bankrupt or insolvent, or files a petition for the liquidation of his affairs, or compounds with his creditors.

If he is found lunatic, or become of unsound mind.

89. *Removal of Director.*—The Company may, by an extraordinary resolution, remove any Director, including a Managing Director, before the expiration of his period of office, and on such removal may, by an extraordinary resolution, appoint a qualified Member in his stead, and the Director so appointed shall in all respects stand in the place of his predecessor.

90. *Director interested in a Contract.*—No Director shall be disqualified by his office from contracting with the Company either as vendor, purchaser, or otherwise; nor shall any such contract or arrangement entered into by or on behalf of the Company with any Company or partnership of or in which any Director shall be a Member or otherwise interested be avoided; nor shall any Director so contracting, or being such a Member, or so interested, be liable to account to the Company for any profit realised by any such contract or arrangement by reason only of such Director holding that office or of the fiduciary relation thereby established; but no Director shall vote in respect of any such contract or arrangement; and the nature of his interest where it does not appear on the face of the contract shall be disclosed by him at the meeting of the Directors at which the contract or arrangement is determined on, if his interest then exists, or in any other case at the first meeting of the Directors after the acquisition of his interest.

ROTATION OF DIRECTORS.

91. *Number to retire.*—At the first Ordinary Meeting of the Company, all the Directors shall retire, and at the first Ordinary Meeting in every subsequent year two of the Directors for the time being shall retire from office, but if qualified shall be eligible for re-election.

92. *Retirement by Seniority.*—The Directors to retire in any year shall always be those who have been longest in office, and in case of Directors equal in length of office shall, unless such Directors agree among themselves, be determined by ballot.

93. *Decision of question as to retirement.*—When any question arises as to retirement of any Director or Directors, it shall be decided by the Board, whose decision shall be final and binding on all concerned.

94. *Election.*—The Company at the Ordinary General Meeting shall fill up the offices vacated by the retiring Directors by electing a like number of persons.

95. *Old Directors when continued.*—If at any meeting at which an election of Directors ought to take place no such election is made, the meeting shall stand adjourned till the next day, at the same time and place; and if at such adjourned meeting no election takes place, the former Directors shall continue to act until new Directors are appointed at the first Ordinary Meeting of the following year.

96. *Increase or reduction of number of Directors.*—The Company in General Meeting may from time to time increase or reduce the number of Directors and alter their qualifications.

97. *Additional Directors.*—Upon the passing of a resolution for an increase in the number of Directors, the Company in General Meeting may forthwith elect such additional Director or Directors, and may also determine in what manner or rotation such increased or reduced number is to go out of office.

MANAGING DIRECTOR.

98. *Appointment, Remuneration, and Powers.*—The Directors may from time to time appoint one or more of their body to be Managing Director or Directors of the Company, either for a fixed term without any limitation as to the period for which he is to hold such office, and may, subject to any contract between him and the Company from time to time, remove or dismiss him from office and appoint another in his place. The remuneration of a Managing Director shall, subject to any contract between him and the Company from time to time, be fixed by the Directors, and may be by way of salary, commission, percentage, or participation in profits, or by any or all of those modes. The Directors may from time to time entrust to and confer upon a Managing Director for the time being such of the powers exercisable under these presents by the Directors as they may think fit, and may confer such powers for such time and to be exercised for such objects and purposes, and upon such terms and conditions, and with such restrictions as they think expedient, and may from time to time revoke, withdraw, alter, or vary all or any of such powers.

99. *Retirement of Managing Director.*—A Managing Director shall not, while he continues to hold that office, be subject to retire by rotation, but (subject to the provisions of any contract between him and the Company) he shall be subject to the same provisions as to resignation and removal as the other Directors of the Company, and if he ceases to hold the office of Director from any cause, he shall *ipso facto* and immediately cease to be a Managing Director.

100. *Vacancy in Office.*—In the case of any vacancy in the office of Managing Director, the Directors may either fill up the office by the appointment of some other of the Directors, or may discontinue such office as they may think fit.

PROCEEDINGS OF DIRECTORS.

101. *Meetings of Directors.*—The Directors may meet together for the despatch of business, adjourn, and otherwise regulate their meetings as they think fit, and may determine the quorum necessary for the transaction of business. And until otherwise determined two Directors shall be a quorum.

102. *Summoning Meetings: Questions how decided.*—A Director may, and the Secretary at the request of any Director shall, at any time summon a meeting of the Directors. Questions arising at any meeting of Directors shall be decided by a majority of votes of the Directors present, and in case of equality of votes the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

103. *President at Meetings.*—The Directors may elect a Chairman and Deputy Chairman of their meetings, and may determine the period for which such officers shall respectively hold office. In the absence of the Chairman (if any) the Deputy Chairman (if any) shall preside. If such officers have not been appointed, or if neither be present at the time appointed for a meeting, the Directors present shall choose some one of their number to be Chairman of such meeting.

104. *Minutes.*—The Directors shall cause minutes to be made in a book or books provided for and used solely for that purpose—

- (1) Of all appointments of officers made by the Directors;
- (2) Of the names of Directors present at each meeting of Directors;
- (3) Of all orders made by the Directors; and
- (4) Of all resolutions and proceedings of meetings of the Company and of the Directors.

And any such minute as aforesaid, if signed by any person purporting to be the Chairman of any meeting of Directors, shall be receivable in evidence without any further proof.

105. *Powers of a Meeting of Directors.*—A meeting of Directors at which a quorum is present shall be competent to exercise all or any of the authorities, powers, and discretions by or under these presents vested in or exercisable by the Directors generally.

106. *Unanimous Resolution in Writing.*—A resolution in writing by all the Directors shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Directors duly called and constituted.

107. *Delegation of Directors' Powers.*—The Directors may delegate any of their powers to committees consisting of such Member or Members of their body as they think fit, and may revoke the appointment of any such committee. Any committee so formed shall, in the exercise of the powers so delegated, conform to any regulations that may from time to time be imposed on it by the Directors.

108. *Regulation of Proceedings of Committee.*—The meetings and proceedings of any such committee consisting of two or more Members shall be governed by the provisions herein contained for regulating the meetings and proceedings of Directors, so far as the same are applicable thereto, and are not superseded by the express terms of the appointment of the committee or by any such regulations as aforesaid.

POWERS OF DIRECTORS.

109. *Powers of Directors.*—The management, carrying on, and conduct of the business and the control of the Company shall be vested in the Directors, who, in addition to the powers and authorities by these presents expressly conferred upon them, may exercise all such powers, and do all such acts and things as may be exercised or done by the Company, and are not hereby or by Ordinance expressly directed or required to be exercised or done by the Company in General Meeting, but subject, nevertheless, to such regulations not being inconsistent with these presents as may from time to time be made by extraordinary resolution of a General Meeting; but no regulation so made shall invalidate any prior act of the Directors which would have been valid if such regulation had not been made.

110. *Special Powers.*—Without prejudice to the general powers conferred by the last preceding clause, and to other powers and authorities conferred by these Articles, it is hereby expressly declared that the Directors shall be entrusted with the following powers, viz. :—

(1) To carry into effect the purchase from the said Charles Henry Pate the business, stock in trade, workshops, furniture, fittings, live stock, and goodwill and freehold premises referred to in article 2 hereof.

(2) To purchase or otherwise acquire for the Company any property, rights, or privileges which the Company is authorized to acquire, at such price and generally on such terms and conditions as they may think fit.

(3) At their discretion to pay for any property or rights acquired by, or services rendered to, the Company, either wholly or partially in cash or in shares issued as fully or partly paid-up shares, bonds, debentures, or other securities of the Company.

(4) To secure the fulfilment of any contracts or engagements entered into by the Company by mortgage or charge of or upon all or any of the property and rights of the Company, including its uncalled capital for the time being, or in such other manner as they may think fit. To make rules or regulations for the management of the property of the Company, and for that purpose to appoint and, at their discretion, to remove or suspend, without assigning reason or cause therefor, such managers, secretaries, officers, clerks, agents, and servants for permanent, temporary, or special services as they may from time to time think fit, and invest them with such powers as they may deem expedient, and to determine their duties and fix their salaries or emoluments which may be paid out of the funds of the Company or by way of participation in profits, or both, and to require security in such instances and to such amount as they may think fit.

(5) To make temporary advances, deposits, or loans of any money not for the time being required for the purposes of the Company to such persons, and upon such security other than shares of the Company as they may think fit, and generally to direct, manage, and control the receipt, custody, employment, investment, and expenditure of the moneys and funds of the Company, and the keeping of the accounts of the Company.

(6) To execute in the name and on behalf of the Company such mortgages, charges, and other securities on the Company's property (present and future), including its uncalled capital, as they think fit, in favour of any Director or Directors of the Company, or other person who may incur or be about to incur any personal liability, whether as principal or security for the benefit of the Company, or in favour of any trustee or trustees to secure payment of moneys lent and advanced to the Company upon debentures or otherwise, and any such instrument may contain a power of sale, and such other terms, conditions, powers, covenants, and provisions as may be agreed on, or as in their discretion the Directors may deem necessary or expedient.

(7) To institute, conduct, defend, compound, or abandon any legal proceedings by and against the Company or other officers, or otherwise concerning the affairs of the Company, and also to compound and allow time for payment or satisfaction of any debts due, and of any claims or demands by or against the Company.

(8) To refer any claims or demands by or against the Company to arbitration, and to perform, observe, and carry out the awards thereon.

(9) To make, draw, accept, and endorse cheques, promissory notes, or bills of exchange on behalf of the Company.

(10) To make and give receipts, releases, and other discharges for money payable to the Company, and for the claims and demands of the Company.

(11) To act on behalf of the Company in all matters in relation to bankrupts and insolvents.

(12) To give any officer or other person employed by the Company a commission on the profits of any particular business or transaction, and such interest or commission shall be treated as part of the working expenses of the Company, and to pay commissions and make allowances to any person introducing business to the Company, or otherwise assisting or promoting the interests thereof.

(13) To apply for, acquire by purchase or otherwise, any concessions, privileges, or contracts, and to carry out the same.

(14) To cause the Company to be registered, incorporated, or domiciled in any foreign country, colony, or elsewhere, and to establish such agencies for carrying on the business of the Company, either in the United Kingdom, Ceylon, or in the Colonies, or the United States of America, South America, or elsewhere as they may think fit.

(15) To negotiate for, and, subject to the approval of the Company in General Meeting, contract for the transfer of its undertaking or any part thereof, as a going concern, with or subject to the benefit of all or any part of its property or assets, and subject or not subject to all or any of its obligations and liabilities.

(16) To open from time to time on behalf of the Company any account or accounts with such bank or banks as the Directors may from time to time select or appoint, and also by such signatures as they may appoint to sign, draw, accept, make and endorse cheques, bills of exchange and promissory notes, bills of lading, receipts, contracts, and agreements, letter or letters of appointment to any proctor or proctors, and other documents on behalf and for the purposes of the Company.

(17) To appoint a proctor or proctors to appear and act for the Company in any court or courts, and from time to time if they shall think fit such appointment to revoke.

COMMITTEES AND DELEGATION OF POWERS.

111. *Sub-administration.*—The Directors may from time to time provide for the administration and management of the affairs of the Company in the United Kingdom, India, or elsewhere abroad, in such manner as they shall think fit, and in particular may appoint any local managers, and establish any committees of administration, or advice, or agencies for managing the same, and may appoint any persons to be members of any such committee, and may delegate to them such of the powers, authorities, and discretions for the time being vested in the Directors as they may think fit, and may fix their remuneration, and authorize them to fill up vacancies, and to act notwithstanding vacancies, any such appointment being made on such terms and subject to such conditions as the Directors may think fit, and the Directors may at any time remove any person so appointed.

112. *Appointment of Attorney.*—The Directors may at any time and from time to time, by deed under the seal of the Company, appoint any person or persons to be the attorney or attorneys of the Company for such purposes and with such powers, authorities, and discretions (not exceeding those vested in or exercisable by the Directors under these presents, but including power to sub-delegate), and for such period and subject to such conditions as the Directors may from time to time think fit.

113. *Who may be made Attorney.*—Any such appointment as referred to in the previous clause may, if the Directors think fit, be made in favour of the Members or any of the Members of any committee established in virtue of these presents, or in favour of any Company or of the Members or Managers of any Company or firm, or otherwise in favour of any fluctuating body of persons, whether nominated directly or indirectly by the Directors. Any such power of attorney may contain such provisions for the protection or convenience of persons dealing with such attorney or attorneys, as the Directors think fit, and any such delegates or attorneys may be authorized by the Directors to sub-delegate all or any of the powers, authorities, or discretions for the time being vested in them.

TRUSTEES.

114. *Trustees.*—The Directors may, if they think fit, at any time appoint any corporation or any person or persons to act as trustee or trustees for any of the purposes of the Company, and in particular to accept and hold in trust for the Company any property belonging to the Company or in which it is interested, and may execute and do all such acts, deeds, and things, as may be necessary to vest the same in any such corporation, person, or persons. Any trustee so appointed may be removed by the Directors, and shall have such remuneration, powers, and indemnities, and perform such duties, and be subject to such regulations as the Directors may determine.

COMMON SEAL.

115. *Common Seal.*—The Directors shall provide a common seal of the Company, and for the safe custody of the same; and the common seal of the Company shall not be affixed to any instrument, document, or writing, except in the presence of two or more of the Directors, or of one Director and the Secretary or Secretaries for the time being, who shall attest the sealing thereof, such attestation on the part of the Secretaries, in the event of a firm being the Secretaries, being signified by a partner of the said firm signing for or on behalf of the said firm as such Secretaries.

GENERAL PROVISIONS AS TO DIRECTORS AND OTHER OFFICERS.

116. *Indemnity.*—The Directors and other officers shall be indemnified by the Company against all costs, losses, and expenses incurred by them in or about the discharge of their respective duties, except such as may happen from their own respective wilful or wrongful act or default.

117. *Acts valid notwithstanding informal Appointment.*—All acts *bonâ fide* done by any meeting of Directors, or by a Committee of Directors, or by any person acting as a Director, shall, notwithstanding it be afterwards discovered that there was some defect in the appointment of any such Director or person acting as aforesaid, or that they or any of them were disqualified, be as valid as if every such person had been duly appointed, and was qualified to be and act as a Director.

118. *Not liable as to acts of others.*—No Director, trustee, or officer, his heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns shall be liable for any other Director, trustee, or officer, or for joining in any receipt or other act for conformity, or for any loss or expense happening to the Company through the insufficiency or deficiency of title to any property acquired for or on behalf of the Company, or for the insufficiency or deficiency of any security in or upon which any of the Company's property or funds shall be invested, or for any loss or damage arising from the bankruptcy, insolvency, or tortious act of any person with whom any moneys, securities, or effects shall be deposited, or for any loss, damage, or misfortune whatsoever which shall happen in the execution of the duties of his respective office, or in relation thereto, unless the same shall happen through his own wilful neglect or default.

DIVIDENDS.

119. *Profits belong to Shareholders.*—Subject to the provisions with reference to the dividends on the preference shares or stock which may from time to time be issued, and also to the other provisions of these presents, the profits of the Company shall belong to the holders of ordinary shares or stock in the capital of the Company in proportion to the amount of capital for the time being paid up or credited as having been paid up in respect of such ordinary shares or stock. Provided, nevertheless, that where money is paid up in advance of calls upon the footing that the same shall carry interest, such money shall carry interest accordingly, and shall not (whilst carrying interest) confer a right to participate in profits.

120. *Declaration of Dividend.*—The Company in General Meeting may declare a dividend to be paid to the Members according to their rights and interests in the profits, but no larger dividend shall be declared than is recommended by the Directors. The Company in General Meeting may, however, declare a smaller dividend.

121. *Dividend from Profits.*—No dividend shall be payable except out of the profits arising from the business of the Company, but whenever a profit shall have been derived from the Company's undertaking for and during the period covered by any balance sheet, then such profit or any part thereof may be distributed by way of dividend, notwithstanding that the undertaking may have theretofore been carried on at a loss, or that the Company's assets may not be estimated and considered equal in value to the amount of the paid-up capital, and notwithstanding that any part of the paid-up capital may, previously to such period, have been wholly or partially lost or unprofitably expended.

122. *Interim Dividend.*—The Directors may also at any time and from time to time, without the sanction of a General Meeting, distribute amongst and pay to the Members out of the estimated earnings or profits of the Company, having regard to their rights and interests therein, such sum or sums of money by way or in the name of interim dividend, bonus, or interest on capital as in their judgment the position of the Company may justify.

123. *Lien on Dividends.*—The Directors may retain dividends payable on any shares upon which the Company has a lien, and may apply the same in or towards satisfaction of the debts, liabilities, or engagements in respect of which the lien exists, including all such sums of money as may be due and payable on account of calls or instalments unpaid.

124. *Joint-holders.*—In case several persons are registered as the joint-holders of any share or shares, any one of such persons may give effectual receipts for all dividends and payments on account of dividends in respect of such share or shares.

125. *Loss of Dividend Warrant, &c.*—The Company shall not be responsible for the loss of any cheque, dividend warrant, or post office order which shall be sent by post in respect of dividends, whether sent by request or otherwise.

126. *Unpaid Dividend not to bear Interest.*—No unpaid interest or dividend shall bear interest as against the Company.

RESERVE FUND.

127. *Reserve Fund.*—The Directors may, but shall not be obliged, before recommending or declaring any dividend, or bonus, or interest on capital in respect of any class of shares out of or in respect of the earnings or profits of the Company for any yearly or other period, cause to be reserved and retained, and set aside out of such profits such sum as they may think proper to form a reserve fund to meet contingencies or depreciations in the value of the property of the Company, or for equalising dividends, or for repairing, improving, and maintaining any of the property of the Company, providing against losses, meeting claims on, or liabilities of the Company, or for such other purposes as the Directors shall in their absolute discretion think conducive to the interests of the Company.

128. *Investment of Reserve Fund.*—All moneys carried to the reserve fund, and all other moneys of the Company not immediately applicable or required for any payment to be made by the Company, may be either employed in the business of the Company or be invested by the Directors upon such securities (other than the purchase of a loan upon shares of the Company) as the Directors may from time to time think proper, with power for them from time to time to deal with and vary such investment, and to dispose of all or any part thereof for the benefit of the Company, and to divide the reserve fund into such special funds as they may think fit.

ACCOUNTS.

129. *Accounts.*—The Directors shall cause true accounts to be kept of the moneys received and expended by the Company, and all matters in respect of which such receipts and expenditure take place, and of the property, assets, credits, and liabilities of the Company.

130. *Inspection of Accounts by Members.*—The Directors shall from time to time determine whether and to what extent, and at what time and places, and under what conditions or regulations, the accounts and books of the Company, or any of them, shall be open to the inspection of the Members; and no Member shall have any right of inspecting any account, or book, or document of the Company except as conferred by Ordinance or authorized by the Directors, or by a resolution of the Company in General Meeting.

131. *Balance Sheet.*—At the Ordinary Meeting in every year the Directors shall lay before the Company a balance sheet containing a summary of the property and liabilities of the Company, and if the Directors shall deem expedient a profit and loss account made up to a date to be therein mentioned, which shall be as near the day of meeting as can be conveniently fixed.

132. *To be accompanied by Report of Directors.*—Every such statement shall be accompanied by a report of the Directors as to the state and condition of the Company, and as to the amount which they recommend to be paid out of the profits by way of dividend or bonus to the Members, and the amount (if any) which they propose to carry to the reserve fund according to the provisions in that behalf hereinbefore contained.

133. *Capital Expenditure.*—The cost to the Company of and incident to the acquisition by purchase of any property of a wasting nature, or any extraordinary expenditure may be treated as capital expenditure

and spread over a series of years, or otherwise treated as the Directors may determine, and the amount of such expenditure for the time being outstanding may, for the purpose of calculating the profits of the Company for the dividend, be reckoned as an asset.

134. *May be spread over a series of years.*—Any costs attending the formation of the Company, or in connection with the purchase of any business or contract, or the establishing of any new branch of business, or any extraordinary expenditure, may be spread over any series of years, and for the purpose of calculating profits, such costs or expenditure, or any part thereof for the time being not written off, may be reckoned as an asset.

AUDIT AND INSPECTION OF ACCOUNTS.

135. *Audit.*—The accounts of the Company shall, once at least in every year, be examined and audited by an Auditor or Auditors.

136. *Auditors.*—The number of Auditors, the person or persons to fill the office of Auditor or Auditors, and the remuneration of the Auditor or Auditors, and his or their term of office, may from time to time be determined and varied by the Company in General Meeting.

137. *Appointment of First Auditors.*—Subject to the last Article, the Directors may appoint the first Auditor or Auditors to audit the accounts of the Company until the first Ordinary General Meeting, when he or they shall retire, but shall be re-eligible, and may fix his or their remuneration.

138. *Retirement of Auditors.*—The Auditor or Auditors for the time being shall retire at the first Ordinary General Meeting in every year, but shall be re-eligible. If, on the retirement of an Auditor as aforesaid, no person shall be appointed his successor by the General Meeting at which his retirement shall take place, he shall be considered as re-elected for another year, though no resolution to that effect shall be passed or proposed. If any casual vacancy shall occur in the office of Auditor, the Directors shall forthwith fill up the same.

139. *Accounts to be open to Auditor.*—All accounts of the Company shall at all times be open to the Auditor or Auditors for the purposes of audit.

140. *Balance Sheet.*—Every Auditor shall be supplied with a copy of the balance sheet, and it shall be his duty to examine the same with the accounts and vouchers relating thereto.

141. *List of Books.*—Every Auditor shall have a list delivered to him of all books kept by the Company, and he shall at all reasonable times have access to the books and accounts of the Company. He may, at the expense of the Company, employ accountants or other persons to assist him in investigating such accounts, and he may in relation to such accounts examine the Directors or any other officer of the Company.

142. *Report.*—The Auditors shall make a report to the Shareholders upon the balance sheet and accounts, and in every such report they shall state whether in their opinion the balance sheet is a full and fair balance sheet containing the particulars required by these regulations, and properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs, and in case they have called for explanations or information from the Directors, whether such explanations or information have been given by the Directors, and whether they have been satisfactory; and such report shall be read, together with the report of the Directors, at the Ordinary Meeting.

143. *Accounts when conclusive.*—Every account of the Directors when audited and approved by a General Meeting shall be conclusive, except as regards any error discovered therein within three months next after approval thereof: whenever any such error shall be discovered, it shall forthwith be corrected, and thenceforth the account as corrected shall be conclusive.

NOTICES.

144. *Service of Notices.*—Any notice may be served by the Company upon any Shareholder whose registered place of address is in Ceylon, either personally or by sending it through the post in a prepaid letter addressed to such Shareholder at the registered place of address. Notices by the Company may be authenticated by the signature (printed or written) of the Secretary or other person appointed by the Directors to do so.

145. *Address for Service.*—Every Shareholder shall give an address in Ceylon, which shall be deemed to be his place of abode, and shall be registered as such in the books of the Company. A Shareholder whose registered place of address is not in Ceylon, shall from time to time notify in writing to the Company some place in Ceylon to be called his address for service, which shall be deemed his registered place of address for the purpose of the last preceding clause hereof, and any notice may be served by the Company upon such Shareholder by sending it through the post in a prepaid letter addressed to him at such address.

146. *No registered Address.*—A general notice posted up in the office shall be deemed to be duly served on Shareholders who have no registered address at the expiration of twenty-four hours after it is so posted up.

147. *Joint-holders.*—All notices with respect to shares standing in the names of joint-holders shall be deemed sufficient notice to all the holders of such shares, if given to whichever of such persons is named first in the register.

148. *Notice by Post.*—Any notice sent by post shall be deemed to have been served at the time when the letter concerning the same is posted, and in proving such service it shall be sufficient to prove that the letter containing the notice was properly addressed and put in a post office box or handed in at a Post Office.

149. *Period for Notices.*—Where a given number of days' notice, or notice extending over any other period is required to be given, the day of service shall, but the day upon which such notice will expire shall not, be included in such number of days or other period.

DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS ON WINDING UP.

150. *Distribution.*—If the Company shall be wound up, and there shall be any surplus assets after payment of all debts and satisfaction of all liabilities of the Company, such surplus assets shall be applied, first, in repaying to the holders of the preference shares (if any), the amounts paid up or reckoned as

paid up thereon, and the balance in repaying to the holders of the ordinary shares, the amounts paid up or reckoned as paid up on such ordinary shares. If there shall remain any surplus assets after repayment of the whole of the paid-up capital, such surplus assets shall be divided among the Members in proportion to the capital paid up or reckoned as paid up on the shares which are held by them respectively at the commencement of the winding up.

151. *Payment in specie and vesting in Trustees.*—If the Company shall be wound up, the liquidator, whether voluntary or official, may, with the sanction of an extraordinary resolution, divide among the contributories in specie any part of the assets of the Company, and may, with their sanction, vest any part of the assets of the Company in trustees upon such trusts for the benefit of the contributories as the liquidator, with like sanction, shall think fit.

In witness whereof the Subscribers to the Memorandum of Association have hereto set and subscribed their names this Third day of June, One thousand Eight hundred and Ninety-six.

GEORGE J. JAMESON.
 FLOWERDEW MACINDOE,
 By his Attorney GEORGE J. JAMESON.
 GILBERT F. TRAILL.
 W. SAUNDERS.
 E. BENHAM.
 W. SHAKSPEARE.
 J. W. CHAS DE SOYSA.
 S. PETER SOYSA.

Witness to the above signatures :

R. F. DE SARAM, Proctor, Colombo.

SIX weeks hence I shall apply to the Hon. the Judges of the Supreme Court of the Island of Ceylon to be admitted and enrolled a Proctor of the said Court.

W. P. D. VANDERSTRAATEN.

No. 20, Regent street,
 Colombo, June 8, 1896.

Ceylon Government Railways.—Comparative Statement of Traffic for the Week ended April 26, 1896.

Earnings from	Seven Days ended April 23, 1894.			Seven Days ended April 23, 1895.			Seven Days ended April 26, 1896.			Increase—1896 over 1895.			Decrease—1896 below 1895.		
	No.	Rs.	c.	No.	Rs.	c.	No.	Rs.	c.	No.	Rs.	c.	No.	Rs.	c.
Passengers, Ordinary	72,271	31,845	92	88,367	37,857	50	120,760	54,094	40	32,393	16,236	90	—	—	—
Coolies	1,025	808	73	4,140	2,416	39	6,016	2,853	64	1,876	437	25	—	—	—
Season Tickets	1	8	0	—	—	2 98	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2 98
Total Passengers	73,297	32,662	65	92,507	40,276	87	126,776	56,948	4	34,269	16,671	17	—	—	—
Parcels	4,846	1,452	24	6,606	1,720	56	7,651	1,857	3	1,045	136	47	—	—	—
Horses	56	364	88	51	433	22	75	542	94	24	109	72	—	—	—
Carriages	7	92	91	11	128	60	18	216	15	7	87	55	—	—	—
Bicycles, &c.	—	—	—	14	13	19	29	26	89	15	13	70	—	—	—
Dogs	94	67	25	118	109	25	92	81	25	—	—	—	26	28	0
Other small Animals	6	7	45	7	5	85	27	21	9	20	15	24	—	—	—
Neat Cattle	1	11	83	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mails	—	898	79	—	931	63	—	996	48	—	64	85	—	—	—
Miscellaneous Coaching	—	29	21	—	43	20	—	48	36	—	5	16	—	—	—
Goods (Tons)	4,600	62,244	69	7,024	69,337	74	7,131	81,691	0	107	12,353	26	—	—	—
Miscellaneous Goods	—	67	84	—	66	26	—	178	68	—	112	42	—	—	—
Live Stock	416	141	77	541	205	0	400	165	25	—	—	—	141	39	75
General Miscellaneous	—	442	31	—	32	17	—	804	90	—	772	73	—	—	—
Total for the Week	—	98,483	82	—	113,303	54	—	143,578	6	—	30,274	52	—	—	—
Forward from previous Return	—	1601473	43	—	1895015	25	—	1974981	10	—	79,965	85	—	—	—
Total from Jan. 1 to April 26...	—	1699957	25	—	2008318	79	—	2118559	16	—	110,240	37	—	—	—
Total same period last Year	—	1587189	91	—	1699967	25	—	2008318	79	—	—	—	—	—	—
Increase compared with previous Year	—	112767	34	—	308,351	54	—	110,240	37	—	—	—	—	—	—
Traffic Train Mileage this Week	18,232	—	—	21,447	—	—	22,407	—	—	960	—	—	—	—	—
Forward from last Return	290,397	—	—	342,936	—	—	340,312	—	—	—	—	—	2,624	—	—
Total from Jan. 1 to April 26...	308,629	—	—	364,383	—	—	362,719	—	—	—	—	—	1,664	—	—
Total same period last Year	275,340	—	—	308,629	—	—	364,383	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Increase compared with previous Year	33,289	—	—	55,754	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Decrease do. do.	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,664	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Particulars of Goods Conveyed.	Seven days ended April 26, 1896.				January 1 to April 26, 1896.				January 1 to April 26, 1895.				Increase in 1896.				Decrease in 1896.			
	Tons	cwt.	qr.	lb.	Tons	cwt.	qr.	lb.	Tons	cwt.	qr.	lb.	Tons	cwt.	qr.	lb.	Tons	cwt.	qr.	lb.
First class Goods	5	7	2	12	124	11	0	21	132	6	3	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7 15 2 14
Kerosine Oil	33	12	0	8	463	10	1	9	433	0	3	22	35	9	1	16	—	—	—	—
Other 2nd class	129	3	3	25	3,088	14	2	10	2,737	2	3	20	351	11	2	17	—	—	—	—
Rice	1,587	17	2	27	27,982	5	1	20	28,191	18	2	19	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	209 13 0 27
Arrack	43	9	1	10	687	13	0	2	581	4	0	17	106	8	3	13	—	—	—	—
Tea leaf	26	4	1	4	443	4	3	26	373	4	2	4	70	0	1	22	—	—	—	—
Cinnamon	0	1	3	1	41	15	3	14	59	5	1	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	17 9 2 0
Cacao	15	4	1	24	733	10	0	20	736	19	2	9	1	10	2	11	—	—	—	—
Cardamoms	2	3	2	14	64	5	1	18	75	0	3	23	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10 15 2 5
Salt	54	9	0	8	864	8	1	26	1,296	17	2	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	432 9 0 2
Tobacco	14	16	1	27	302	9	1	14	218	7	2	20	84	1	2	22	—	—	—	—
Beer, 3rd class	2	9	3	0	32	4	0	16	51	12	1	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	19 8 1 0
Tea Packing 3rd class	6	5	2	22	78	4	3	9	135	15	2	22	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	57 10 3 13
Manure, 3rd class	—	—	—	—	5	4	1	24	22	10	0	27	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	17 5 3 3
Plumbago, 3rd class	—	—	—	—	51	0	3	22	16	13	0	20	34	7	3	2	—	—	—	—
Other 3rd class Goods	766	17	3	2	13,052	14	2	0	10,739	2	1	27	2,313	12	0	1	—	—	—	—
Cinchona	2	15	2	0	61	1	1	18	125	15	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	64 14 1 13
Coffee	45	2	2	6	339	0	0	8	1,675	11	1	21	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,336 11 1 13
Cocoanuts	116	19	2	20	1,624	16	1	0	1,331	16	3	11	292	19	1	17	—	—	—	—
Cocoanut Oil	34	18	1	15	522	2	3	19	471	6	1	1	50	16	2	18	—	—	—	—
Copperah	22	6	0	20	288	19	0	20	505	17	3	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	216 18 2 24
Cotton	8	4	1	0	17	7	1	23	21	2	1	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3 14 3 20
Poonac	116	11	0	25	1,603	15	3	8	1,887	3	3	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	283 8 0 6
Staves	4	19	1	0	78	13	1	21	146	12	1	18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	67 18 3 25
Tea	1,286	7	0	11	17,210	18	3	27	15,999	16	3	27	2,111	2	0	0	—	—	—	—
Timber, wrought	3	13	1	22	272	4	0	27	313	0	3	17	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	40 16 2 18
Other 4th class Goods	290	16	1	27	5,089	0	3	2	4,630	1	1	11	458	19	1	19	—	—	—	—
Timber at 5th class rate	79	5	2	27	738	9	1	23	525	8	3	13	213	0	2	10	—	—	—	—
Other 5th class Goods	131	2	2	24	2,633	12	3	10	2,153	3	1	19	480	9	1	19	—	—	—	—
Timber at 6th class rate	—	—	—	—	37	12	2	14	25	17	0	0	11	15	2	14	—	—	—	—
Tea Packing, 6th class	220	16	1	12	3,786	1	3	3	3,317	1	2	5	469	0	0	26	—	—	—	—
Manure, 6th class	55	16	1	26	2,100	17	1	19	2,359	18	2	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Plumbago, 6th class	167	17	0	16	3,852	12	2	5	3,323	4	0	25	529	8	1	8	—	—	—	—
Beer, 6th class	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Staves, 6th class	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	9	0	21	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5 9 0 21
Other 6th class Goods	8	9	2	21	2,456	0	2	9	1,638	13	3	18	817	6	2	19	—	—	—	—
Bulky Articles and Road Metal	—	—	—	—	0	16	0	12	—	—	—	—	0	16	0	12	—	—	—	—
Railway Material	702	3	0	3	8,312	5	3	20	13,714	11	1	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5,402 5 1 18
Public Works Material	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Prison Department Material	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Breakwater Material	1,023	2	0	0	32,210	17	0	0	28,944	18	0	0	3,265	19	0	0	—	—	—	—
Petroleum	42	0	0	0	277	5	3	5	—	—	—	—	277	5	3	5	—	—	—	—
Chief Resdnt. Eng., Railway Ex.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	10	0	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6 10 0 0
Total	7,130	10	3	11	131,540	10	1	12	128,024	5										

Ceylon Government Railways.—Comparative Statement of Traffic for the Week ended May 3, 1896.

Earnings from	Seven Days ended May 6, 1894.			Seven Days ended May 5, 1895.			Seven Days ended May 3, 1896.			Increase— 1896 over 1895.			Decrease— 1896 below 1895.		
	No.	Rs.	c.	No.	Rs.	c.	No.	Rs.	c.	No.	Rs.	c.	No.	Rs.	c.
Passengers, Ordinary	73,187	29,201	58	105,849	46,925	91	103,558	43,609	65	—	—	—	2,291	3,316	26
Coolies	1,862	1,165	68	5,368	2,829	72	3,779	2,521	72	—	—	—	1,409	308	0
Season Tickets	466	1,333	2	482	1,395	24	425	1,348	6	—	—	—	57	47	18
Total Passengers	75,479	31,700	28	111,519	51,150	87	107,762	47,479	43	—	—	—	3,757	3,671	44
Parcels	5,582	1,448	84	6,376	1,782	79	7,393	1,766	75	1,017	—	—	—	16	4
Horses	68	369	84	66	494	82	56	342	35	—	—	—	10	152	47
Carriages	14	177	24	18	277	14	19	174	63	1	—	—	—	102	51
Bicycles, &c.	—	—	—	16	17	92	35	35	84	19	17	92	—	—	—
Dogs	140	90	50	125	102	50	104	84	24	—	—	—	21	18	26
Other small Animals	9	10	28	37	25	77	4	11	64	—	—	—	33	14	13
Neat Cattle	6	78	46	4	52	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	52	5
Mails	—	898	79	—	938	65	—	997	4	—	58	39	—	—	—
Miscellaneous Coaching	—	26	74	—	53	31	—	71	93	—	18	62	—	—	—
Goods (Tons)	5,527	69,994	53	7,683	77,673	93	6,966	83,055	32	—	5,381	39	717	—	—
Miscellaneous Goods	—	89	60	—	66	0	—	63	0	—	—	—	—	3	0
Live Stock	89	76	50	643	212	50	702	226	75	59	14	25	—	—	—
General Miscellaneous	—	926	86	—	1,896	73	—	2,769	8	—	872	35	—	—	—
Total for the Week	—	105,887	96	—	134,744	98	—	137,078	0	—	2,333	2	—	—	—
Forward from previous Return	—	1700179	25	—	2008318	79	—	2118559	16	—	110,240	37	—	—	—
Total from Jan. 1 to May 3	—	1806067	21	—	2143063	77	—	2255637	16	—	112,573	39	—	—	—
Total same period last Year	—	1678591	25	—	1806067	21	—	2143063	77	—	—	—	—	—	—
Increase compared with previous Year	—	127475	96	—	336,996	56	—	112,573	39	—	—	—	—	—	—
Traffic Train Mileage this Week	18,266	—	—	22,087	—	—	21,835	—	—	—	—	—	252	—	—
Forward from last Return	308,629	—	—	364,383	—	—	362,719	—	—	—	—	—	1,664	—	—
Total from Jan. 1 to May 3	326,895	—	—	386,470	—	—	384,554	—	—	—	—	—	1,916	—	—
Total same period last Year	291,747	—	—	326,895	—	—	386,470	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Increase compared with previous Year	35,148	—	—	59,575	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Decrease do. do.	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,916	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Particulars of Goods Conveyed.	Seven days ended May 3, 1896.				January 1 to May 3, 1896.				January 1 to May 3, 1895.				Increase in 1896.				Decrease in 1896.			
	Tons	cwt.	qr.	lb.	Tons	cwt.	qr.	lb.	Tons	cwt.	qr.	lb.	Tons	cwt.	qr.	lb.	Tons	cwt.	qr.	lb.
First class Goods	10	1	1	11	134	12	2	4	148	8	3	25	—	—	—	—	13	16	1	21
Kerosine Oil	20	16	2	12	489	6	3	22	445	19	1	20	43	7	2	2	—	—	—	—
Other 2nd class	142	19	0	1	3,231	13	2	10	2,906	1	0	24	325	2	1	14	—	—	—	—
Rice	1,784	1	2	0	29,766	6	3	20	29,732	15	1	18	33	11	2	2	—	—	—	—
Arrack	41	5	3	2	728	18	3	4	607	0	1	2	121	18	2	2	—	—	—	—
Tea leaf	27	13	0	2	470	18	0	0	418	17	2	20	52	0	1	8	—	—	—	—
Cinnamon	—	—	—	—	41	15	3	14	59	7	1	1	—	—	—	—	17	11	1	15
Cacao	25	0	2	22	763	10	3	14	758	11	3	26	4	18	3	16	—	—	—	—
Cardamoms	2	2	2	1	66	7	3	19	81	17	0	19	—	—	—	—	15	9	1	0
Salt	60	17	2	11	926	6	0	9	1,352	10	1	0	—	—	—	—	427	4	0	19
Tobacco	6	1	2	6	308	10	3	20	223	14	1	11	84	16	2	9	—	—	—	—
Beer, 3rd class	1	9	0	21	33	13	1	9	54	17	3	25	—	—	—	—	21	4	2	16
Tea Packing 3rd class	2	11	0	27	80	16	0	8	139	9	1	19	—	—	—	—	58	13	1	11
Manure, 3rd class	—	—	—	—	5	4	1	24	22	10	0	27	—	—	—	—	17	5	3	3
Plumbago, 3rd class	10	14	1	23	61	15	1	17	16	13	0	20	45	2	0	25	—	—	—	—
Other 3rd class Goods	649	15	1	8	13,702	11	2	4	11,509	6	2	5	2,193	4	3	27	—	—	—	—
Cinchona	4	16	0	0	65	17	1	8	127	18	0	0	—	—	—	—	62	0	2	10
Coffee	40	18	2	13	379	18	2	21	1,825	4	2	19	—	—	—	—	1,445	5	3	26
Cocoanuts	151	4	3	9	1,776	1	0	9	1,448	16	1	18	327	4	2	19	—	—	—	—
Cocoanut Oil	40	6	3	24	562	9	3	15	524	10	0	26	37	19	2	17	—	—	—	—
Copperah	18	2	1	5	307	1	1	25	537	14	2	13	—	—	—	—	230	13	0	16
Cotton	3	19	0	20	21	6	2	15	28	12	0	24	—	—	—	—	7	5	2	9
Poonac	91	8	1	1	1,695	4	0	9	1,996	9	0	21	—	—	—	—	301	5	0	12
Staves	2	7	0	0	81	0	1	21	146	18	0	25	—	—	—	—	65	17	3	4
Tea	1,274	7	2	19	18,485	6	2	18	16,187	12	2	10	2,297	14	0	8	—	—	—	—
Timber, wrought	8	16	2	10	281	0	3	9	347	7	3	26	—	—	—	—	66	7	0	17
Other 4th class Goods	295	7	0	25	5,384	7	3	27	4,900	6	0	8	484	1	3	19	—	—	—	—
Timber at 5th class rate	39	2	3	8	777	12	1	3	548	15	0	5	228	17	0	26	—	—	—	—
Other 5th class Goods	209	17	1	18	2,843	10	1	0	2,291	5	0	10	552	5	0	18	—	—	—	—
Timber at 6th class rate	—	—	—	—	37	12	2	14	25	17	0	0	11	15	2	14	—	—	—	—
Tea Packing, 6th class	210	8	1	9	3,996	10	0	12	3,537	17	3	27	458	12	0	13	—	—	—	—
Manure, 6th class	96	18	2	16	2,197	16	0	7	2,415	7	0	22	—	—	—	—	217	11	0	15
Plumbago, 6th class	224	10	1	10	4,077	2	3	15	3,493	6	0	1	583	16	3	14	—	—	—	—
Beer, 6th class	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Staves, 6th class	1	15	0	0	1	15	0	0	5	9	0	21	—	—	—	—	3	14	0	21
Other 6th class Goods	99	6	2	25	2,555	7	1	6	1,712	3	3	18	843	3	1	16	—	—	—	—
Bulky Articles and Road Metal	—	—	—	—	0	16	0	12	—	—	—	—	0	16	0	12	—	—	—	—
Railway Material	613	17	3	13	8,926	3	3	5	13,948	14	1	19	—	—	—	—	5,022	10	2	14
Public Works Material	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Prison Department Material	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Breakwater Material	710	18	0	0	32,921	15	0	0	31,256	8	0	0	1,665	7	0	0	—	—	—	—
Petroleum	41	18	0	0	319	3	3	5	—	—	—	—	319	3	3	5	—	—	—	—
Chief Resdt. Eng., Railway Ex.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	10	0	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	6,965	17	2	8	138,506	9	2	16	135,791	15	1	15	10,715	0	2	6	8,000	6	1	5

Total Quantities of the following Articles Exported from the Ports of Colombo and Galle during the under-mentioned periods.

Vessels.	Date of Clearing.	For what Port.	Plantation Coffee.	Native Coffee.	Tea.	Cacao.	Trunk Cinchona.	Branch Cinchona.	Cinchona Chips.	Cocoanuts.	Copperah.	Cocanut Oil.	Cocanut Poonac.	Cinnamon.	Cinnamon Oil.	Citronella Oil.	Cardamoms.	Ebony.	Plumbago.	Coir Rope.	Coir Junk.	Coir Yarn.	Coir Fibre.	Sapan-wood.	Ochilla.	Kiroot Fibre.	Deer Horns.	
	1896.		cwt.	cwt.	lb.	cwt.	lb.	lb.	lb.	No.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	lb.	oz.	oz.	lb.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	lb.	lb.	cwt.	cwt.	
COLOMBO.																												
ss. Colaba	4/6	Rangoon	—	—	400	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ss. Osborne	4/6	Bombay	—	—	23971	—	—	—	—	—	—	258	—	—	—	—	1559	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ss. Prinz Heinrich	4/6	Singapore	—	—	19465	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ss. Oroya	4/6	London	—	—	134008	—	—	—	—	50025	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ss. Virawa	9/6	Mauritius	—	—	4234	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ss. Nawab	9/6	Calcutta	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2800	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ss. Oruba	9/6	Australia	257	68	215741	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ss. Merkara	9/6	Brisbane	—	—	25810	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ss. Torr Head	9/6	Antwerp	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	780	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ss. Lancashire	9/6	London	260	—	1084881	239	2440	—	—	10000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ss. Golconda	9/6	do.	411	—	716721	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ss. Vita	9/6	Negapatam	—	—	40	—	—	—	—	—	—	50	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ss. Bayern	9/6	Bremen	80	—	36501	116	3358	—	—	—	—	1112	3094	25400†	3960‡	182928	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ss. India	9/6	London	—	—	1107850	420	—	—	—	46220	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ss. Maria Valerie	9/6	Trieste	—	—	15446	—	—	—	—	—	240	1004	—	6200§	—	—	2966	609	1633	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15
GALLE.																												
ss. Chanda	9/6	Calcutta	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* And Chips 1,120 lb. † And Chips 22,400 lb. ‡ Leaf oil. § And Chips 1,008 lb.

Importation of Rice from Indian Ports during the above-mentioned periods.

TO COLOMBO:—				TO GALLE:—			
From Calcutta	... Bags	30,656		From Calcutta	... Bags	680	
" Southern India	... "	6,211		" Southern India	... "	14,070	
Total	... Bags	<u>36,867</u>		Total	... Bags	<u>14,750</u>	

Customs, Colombo. June 10, 1896.

F. R. ELLIS,
Acting Principal Collector.

Comparative Statement showing the various Countries from which Cotton Goods have been Received, and Quantities Imported from each, during the Month ended April 30, 1896.

Articles.	United Kingdom	British India.	Straits.	French India.	China.	Hong-kong.	Austria.	Germany.	Belgium.	Holland.	Egypt	Spain.	Japan.	Total for the Month of April, 1896.	Total for the four Months ended April 30, 1896.	Total for the four Months ended April 30, 1895.
Gray Cottons, bales and cases ...	655	43	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	698	1,393	2,763
White do. do. ...	102	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	107	383	1,025
Printed do. do. ...	82	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	94	360	865
Dyed do. do. ...	7	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	46	74
Coloured, Woven, do. ...	172	264	4	1	—	—	—	29	—	8	—	—	—	478	2,049	341
Sundry, do. do. ...	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	57	1,753
Yarns, plain ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	10
Yarns, dyed ...	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	37	154
Total for the Month of April, 1896 ...	1,025	326	4	1	—	—	8	29	—	8	—	—	—	1,401	4,329	6,985
Total for the four Months ended April 30, 1896	2,780	1,365	27	49	—	—	28	51	—	27	1	—	1	—	4,329	—
Total for the four Months ended April 30, 1895	5,496	1,320	12	36	5	—	70	9	7	17	—	—	13	—	—	6,985

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Quantities of the Principal Articles remaining in the Bonded Warehouses on March 31, 1896 ; also Bonded, entered for Home Consumption, and Exported from Bond ; and the Total Quantities entered for Home Consumption in April, 1896.

ARTICLES.	Remain- ing in the Bonded Ware- houses on March 31, 1896.	Bonded in the Month of April, 1896.	Total.	Entered for Home Consump- tion in the Month of April, 1896.	Exported from the Ware- houses in the Month of April, 1896.	Total.	Remain- ing in the Bonded Ware- houses on April 30, 1896.	Total Imports entered for Home Con- sumption in April, 1896.
Gray Cottons, bales and cases ...	1,018	203	1,221	105	5	110	1,111	572
White do. do. ...	389	50	439	34	...	34	405	98
Printed do. do. ...	129	23	152	5	...	5	147	66
Dyed do. do. ...	6	9	15	7	...	7	8	25
Coloured Woven Cottons, b. & c.	110	9	119	5	...	5	114	202
Sundry do. do. ...	132	22	154	15	...	15	139	22
Yarns, plain, bales and cases ...	16	...	16	10	...	10	6	10
— dyed, do. ...	109	...	109	9	...	9	100	11
— Indian-made, sundry, b. & c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	269
Grain, Rice, bags ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	251,670
Malt Liquor, in wood, hhds. ...	105	160	265	...	...	...	265	145
— in glass, cases and casks ...	356	100	456	80	...	80	376	1,500
Spirits, Brandy, puncheons and pipes ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Do. hhds. and casks ...	15	...	15	...	...	...	15	...
Do. cases ...	1,665	616	2,281	223	...	223	2,058	739
— Gin, puncheons and pipes ...	7	5	12	4	...	4	8	5
Do. hhds. and casks ...	5	...	5	1	...	1	4	1
Do. cases ...	1,131	588	1,719	535	...	535	1,184	1,387
— Whisky, hhds. and casks ...	20	4	24	5	...	5	19	25
Do. cases ...	3,310	743	4,053	360	9	369	3,684	2,261
Tea, lb. ...	796	...	796	...	...	...	796	...
Tobacco, manufactured, lb. ...	6,160	...	6,160	200	...	200	5,960	8,719
— Cigars, lb. ...	13 $\frac{7}{8}$	119 $\frac{5}{8}$	133 $\frac{1}{8}$	...	...	...	133 $\frac{1}{8}$	2,662
Wines, French, hhds. and casks ...	31	...	31	...	...	...	31	59
Do. cases ...	117	98	215	30	...	30	185	310
— Madeira, puncheons & pipes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Do. cases ...	20	...	20	...	...	...	20	...
— Portugal, puncheons & pipes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Do. hhds. and casks ...	49	10	59	10	...	10	49	54
Do. cases ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	156
— Spanish, butts and pipes ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Do. hhds. and casks ...	18	...	18	18	...
Do. octaves
Do. cases	160
— Italian, hhds. and casks
— Austrian, in glass, cases

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F. R. ELLIS,
Acting Principal Collector.

Comparative Statement of the Quantities of the Principal Articles Bonded in, entered for Home Consumption, and Exported from the Bonded Warehouses in the Four Months ended April 30, 1895 and 1896.

ARTICLES.	Four Months ended April 30, 1895.			Four Months ended April 30, 1896.		
	Bonded.	Entered for Home Consumption.	Exported.	Bonded.	Entered for Home Consumption.	Exported.
Gray Cottons, bales and cases ...	1,467	667	14	465	494	32
White do. do. ...	511	323	...	127	180	...
Printed do. do. ...	374	214	...	63	108	...
Dyed do. do. ...	23	11	...	26	18	...
Coloured Woven Cottons, b. & c. ...	167	104	...	114	146	...
Sundry do. do. ...	151	126	...	92	75	...
Yarns, plain, bales and cases ...	...	...	...	20	20	...
— dyed, do. ...	88	31	...	2	31	...
— Indian-made, sundry, b. & c. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grain, Rice, bags ...	1,348	1,348	...	...	...	...
Malt Liquor, in wood, hhds. ...	540	519	...	320	165	...
— in glass, cases and casks ...	340	262	22	390	100	...
Spirits, Brandy, puncheons & pipes ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Do. hhds. and casks ...	...	4	...	...	...	...
Do. cases ...	423	435	1	1,265	464	...
— Gin, puncheons and pipes ...	...	6	...	8	10	...
Do. hhds. and casks ...	5	18	...	3	5	...
Do. cases ...	540	1,842	...	1,366	1,491	...
— Whisky, hhds. and casks ...	31	35	...	18	18	...
Do. cases ...	2,057	1,995	98	2,562	1,853	82
Tea, lb. ...	9,110	...	7,635	...	...	1,109
Tobacco, manufactured, lb. ...	3,920	6,408 ⁵ / ₁₆	...	...	3,368	...
— Cigars, lb. ...	191 ¹ / ₁₆	30	...	130 ² / ₁₆	...	...
Wines, French, hhds. and casks ...	8	7	...	2	3	...
Do. cases ...	159	117	...	196	76	...
— Madeira, puncheons & pipes ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Do. cases ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
— Portugal, puncheons & pipes ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Do. hhds. and casks ...	12	12	...	45	20	...
Do. cases ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
— Spanish, butts and pipes ...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Do. hhds. and casks ...	4	13
Do. octaves
Do. cases	24	24	...
— Italian, hhds. and casks
— Austrian, in glass, cases

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