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By His Excellency Sir OLIVER ERNEST GOONETILLEKE, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Island of Ceylon

Seal.

O. E. GOONETILLEKE.

To: The Honourable EDWARD FREDERICK NOEL GRATIAEN, C.M.G., Q.C.

GREETINGS :

WHEREAS it appears to me to be necessary to appoint a Commission for the purposes hereinafter mentioned :

Now, therefore, I, Oliver Ernest Goonetilleke, Governor-General, reposing great trust and confidence in your prudence, ability and fidelity, do, in pursuance of the provisions of section 2 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, No. 17 of 1948, by these presents appoint you, the said Honourable Edward Frederick Noel Gratiaen, C.M.G., Q.C., to be my Commissioner for the following purposes. —

- (1) to inquire into and report on all aspects of the administration and operation of the commercial sector of the Port of Colombo with particular regard to—
 - (a) the nature and scope of the commercial undertakings carried on in the Port ;
 - (b) the conditions of employment of the Port workers including rates of remuneration and stand-by wages, hours of work, holidays and leave, and the provision of meals and other amenities ;
 - (c) the laws relating to the aforesaid matters ;
 - (d) the administrative arrangements for carrying out the aforesaid laws ; and
 - (e) the causes of the frequent cessation of work in the Port of Colombo ; and
- (2) to make such recommendations as you may consider necessary to ensure the proper administration of, and the efficient performance of the work in, the commercial sector of the Port, and particularly with regard to—
 - (a) the recruitment and organisation of labour required for the Port so as to minimise, if not obviate, the necessity for the employment of temporary workers ;
 - (b) the conditions of employment of the Port workers ;
 - (c) the introduction, and the extent of the application, of a scheme of additional remuneration as an incentive to the increase of the output of work within the normal hours of work ;
 - (d) the payment of additional remuneration for the performance of dangerous or offensive work ;
 - (e) the desirability or otherwise of excluding or restricting the employment of convicted persons as workers in the Port ;
 - (f) the promotion of greater efficiency and despatch in the loading, unloading and handling of cargo in the Port ;

- (g) the desirability of introducing a disciplinary code applicable both to Port employers and Port workers so as to ensure the proper discharge of their duties ;
- (h) the means provided for the settlement of disputes between Port employers and Port workers ;
- (i) the desirability of introducing measures, whether legislative or not, to ensure the continuance of work in the Port pending the settlement of any dispute between Port employers and Port workers , and
- (j) the amendments, if any, necessary to any written law applicable to, or in relation to, the Port:

And I do hereby authorise and empower you, the said Commissioner, to hold all such inquiries and make all such investigations into the aforesaid matters as may appear to you to be necessary, and require you to transmit to me, as early as possible, a report thereon under your hand :

And I do hereby direct that such part of any inquiry relating to the aforesaid matters as you may in your discretion determine shall not be held in public :

And I do hereby require and direct all public officers and other persons, to whom you may apply for assistance or information for the purposes of your inquiries and investigations, to render all such assistance and furnish all such information as may properly be rendered and furnished in that behalf :

Given at Colombo, under the Seal of this Island, this Eleventh day of September One thousand Nine hundred and Fifty-six.

By His Excellency's command,

N. W. ATUKORALA,
Secretary to the Governor-General.