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DRAFT ORDINANCES.

MINUTE.

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

An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the Law providing for the granting of Pensions to Widows and Orphans of Deceased Public Officers of this Colony.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient to consolidate and amend the law providing for the granting of pensions to the widows and orphans of deceased public officers of this colony: Be it therefore enacted by the Governor of Ceylon, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows :

Short title.

1 This Ordinance may be cited as "The Widows' and Orphans' Pension Fund Ordinance, 1897," and shall come into operation on such day as the Governor may by Proclamation in the *Government Gazette* appoint.

Repeal.

2 On and from the day on which this Ordinance comes into operation the Ordinance No. 21 of 1896 is repealed; provided that such repeal shall not affect—

- (a) The past operation of anything duly done or suffered under the said Ordinance hereby repealed; nor
- (b) Any right, privilege, obligation, or liability acquired, accrued, or incurred thereunder; nor

(c) Any penalty or forfeiture incurred in respect of any breach of the provisions of the said Ordinance hereby repealed; nor

(d) Any legal proceeding or remedy in respect of such right, privilege, obligation, liability, penalty, or forfeiture as aforesaid.

Interpretation of terms:

3 The following words and expressions when used in this Ordinance shall have the meanings hereby assigned to them, unless there is something in the subject or context repugnant to such construction:

“Public officer.”

“Public officer” shall mean and include—

- (1) Any person who at the time of the passing of this Ordinance is holding or has held any office in the public service of this colony, and is contributing in respect of his salary or pension to the fund established under the provisions of the Ordinance No. 20 of 1885;
- (2) Any person who at the said time is holding or who shall hereafter hold any permanent office in the service of this colony which is (a) separately provided for on the estimates and (b) has been declared to be pensionable by notification published in the *Government Gazette*, and who draws a salary from the Colonial Treasurer of two hundred and fifty rupees per annum or upwards, either in respect of one or of two or more such offices held permanently and conjointly; and
- (3) Any person who, having been a “public officer” as last aforesaid, is in receipt of a pension from the Government of this colony in respect of his services as such. Provided that the provisions of this Ordinance shall not apply to any officer who is by law entitled to have more than one wife at any one time, nor to the widow or children of any such officer.

“Salary.”

“Salary” shall mean the remuneration paid to an officer in respect of any permanent office held by him in the service of this colony in respect of which office he may become entitled under any regulations which are now or which may hereafter be in force to a pension, but shall not include any fees accruing to any officer in respect of such office.

“Directors.”

“Directors” shall mean the directors appointed under section 6 of this Ordinance.

“Treasurer.”

“Treasurer” shall mean the officer holding the office of Treasurer of the colony.

Fund how constituted.

4 There shall be carried to the fund created under the Ordinances Nos. 20 of 1885 and 21 of 1896, and which shall continue to be styled “The Widows’ and Orphans’ Pension Fund” (hereinafter referred to as “the fund”), such sums as are hereinafter required to be contributed thereto, and such fund, together with the accretions of interest thereto, shall be applicable to the payment of the expenses of management thereof as hereinafter provided, and of pensions to the widows and orphans now chargeable to the same under and subject to the provisions of any repealed Ordinances and to the widows and orphans of the public officers now or hereafter contributing to the same under and subject to the provisions hereinafter contained.

Investment of fund.

5 All moneys belonging to the fund, whether arising from past or future contributions, fines, interest, or otherwise, shall be invested with the Government of this colony, and shall bear interest payable by the said Government during the continuance of the fund, or until by Ordinance passed not earlier than the first day of March, One thousand Nine hundred and Two, the rate of interest be altered, at the rate of six per centum per annum free from any deduction, and such

interest shall be made up on the thirty-first day of December in each year, and shall be calculated upon the mean monthly balance standing in the hands of the Treasurer of the Colony to the credit of such fund during the course of the year.

- Appointment of directors. 6 (1) For the due and proper management of the fund the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, shall appoint any number of public officers, not exceeding five, as directors thereof.
- Cancellation of such appointment. (2) It shall be lawful for the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, to cancel and annul the appointment of any person appointed to be a director, and upon notification thereof in the *Government Gazette*, such person shall cease to be a director, and shall cease to have and exercise the powers of a director.
- Substitution of director. (3) In the event of the death of a director, or in the event of the absence from the island of a director, or in the event of the cancellation and revocation of the appointment of any director, the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, shall appoint a public officer to be a director in place of the director who shall have died, or shall be absent from the island, or whose appointment shall have been cancelled or revoked, and such person so appointed shall have and exercise all the powers and duties reposed in a director by this Ordinance.
- Management of fund. (4) The directors shall superintend and direct the management and administration of the fund, and shall see that the laws and regulations relating thereto are duly fulfilled.
- Annual report. (5) It shall be the duty of the directors annually, on or before the thirty-first day of January, to prepare a statement and account of the fund for the year ending the thirty-first December preceding, and such statement and account shall be laid before the Governor and the Legislative Council.
- Appointment of agents, &c. (6) The Governor may from time to time appoint such officer or officers as he may consider fit and necessary for carrying out the provisions of this Ordinance, and all persons so appointed shall hold office during the pleasure of the Governor.
- Pension to officers employed under the directors. (7) The Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, may, if it shall appear expedient to him, from time to time prescribe rules for the grant of retiring pensions or gratuities to officers and servants appointed under this Ordinance and to those heretofore appointed, and the directors of "The Widows' and Orphans' Pension Fund" shall, subject to such rules, pay such pensions and gratuities out of the moneys of "The Widows' and Orphans' Pension Fund."
- Officers to give security. (8) The officers receiving salaries of Rs. 250 and upwards from the moneys of "The Widows' and Orphans' Pension Fund," and entitled to pension under any rule made under the preceding section, are hereby declared to be public officers within the meaning of this Ordinance, and may be required to give security under the provisions of "The Public Officers' Security Ordinance, 1890."
- Meetings of directors. (9) At every meeting of the directors the senior public officer present shall preside. Every question shall be decided by the vote of the majority of those directors present at the meeting, provided that if the votes be equally divided the chairman shall have a casting vote in addition to his vote as director. There shall be no meeting at which there shall not be at the least three directors present and voting.
- Cost of management of fund. 7 A sum not exceeding five per centum of the annual contributions to the fund may be paid by the Treasurer to the directors for the purpose of defraying all expenses connected with the management and administration of the fund, provided that no payment shall be made to any director as salary or remuneration for his own services without the consent and approval of the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council.

Directors may make rules and regulations.

8 The directors shall frame rules and regulations not inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance for the proper carrying out of the provisions thereof, and such rules and regulations when approved by the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, and published in the *Government Gazette*, shall be valid and binding upon all persons.

Abatement from salaries and pensions.

9 (1) From and after the commencement of this Ordinance a monthly abatement of four per centum shall be made from the salary or pension, as the case may be, of every public officer.

Treasurer and Crown Agents to deduct from salaries and pensions.

(2) The abatement of four per centum from the salaries and pensions of contributors shall be made by the Treasurer, or in case of payments made by the Crown Agents by such Crown Agents, upon each occasion of payment of salary or pension, and shall be placed to the credit of "The Widows' and Orphans' Pension Fund."

Proviso.

Provided that in the latter case such abatement of four per centum shall be calculated and made in rupees by the Crown Agents on the full salary in rupees payable to such contributor when employed in the colony, or on the pension in rupees payable to such contributor if resident in the colony, and such contributor shall be entitled to receive from the Crown Agents the equivalent in sterling of the balance in rupees of such salary or pension, calculated at the rate at which such contributor is entitled to receive such salary or pension in England.

And in the case of a contributor entitled only to a half of such full salary, such contributor shall be entitled to receive from the Crown Agents the equivalent in sterling calculated in manner aforesaid of the balance in rupees of the half of such full salary after the abatement of four per centum has been calculated on such full salary in rupees and made on the half of such full salary in rupees.

Officers required to pay abatement to Treasurer.

(3) In the event of such abatement not being made, every public officer shall pay to the Treasurer or Crown Agents within fifteen days after the receipt by him of his salary or pension a sum equal to four per centum upon his monthly salary or pension, or in the event of any public officer being on leave without salary such public officer shall pay before the fifteenth day of each and every month during the continuance of such leave, to the Treasurer or Crown Agents, a sum equal to four per centum upon the full salary which he would have received monthly had he not been on leave. All sums due under the provisions of this sub-section and the arrears of any contribution due and payable under the provisions of the Ordinance No. 21 of 1896 shall be taken to be a debt due to the fund by the public officer, and shall be payable to the Treasurer or Crown Agents, together with interest thereon at six per centum per annum, forthwith or by such instalments as the directors may determine. The Treasurer or the Crown Agents shall, upon the written order of the directors or of any two of them, deduct from any moneys which may be or may become due or payable to the public officer by whom such debt is payable the whole or any part of such debt. The provisions of the Ordinance No. 22 of 1871 shall not apply to any such debt.

Period for which abatement shall be made.

10 The abatement of four per centum from the salary of a public officer shall continue to be made until such officer attains the age of sixty-five years, should he continue so long in the public service, at which date it shall cease; such abatement shall also cease after an officer has been subject to the abatement for thirty-five successive years.

Officer retiring on pension not to be called upon to contribute more than four per cent. from such pension.

11 A public officer who from any cause whatever ceases to belong to the public service and retires on a pension shall not be called upon to make any further contribution to the fund beyond a monthly abatement from his pension of four per centum on such pension, to commence from the date of his retirement until he attains sixty-five years of age or has been subject to abatement for thirty-five years, when such abatement shall cease.

Provided that in the event of such public officer having no wife or male child below the age of eighteen years, or female child unmarried and below the age of twenty-one years, at any time intimating his intention in writing to the directors not to contribute further, he shall not be required to contribute further, and he shall be considered as having ceased to have any interest in the fund, and shall have no claim thereon.

Contributions may continue in full if income reduced.

12 Whenever the salary of a public officer becomes reduced by abatement of the ordinary emoluments or by retirement on pension, such public officer may elect to continue to contribute upon the higher salary which he was receiving previous to such reduction, and subject to the same terms and conditions as if he had continued to draw the higher salary. Should such public officer not elect so to continue to contribute upon the higher salary, and contribute on the lower salary or pension, any pension to his widow or children shall be diminished in the same amount as it would have been increased had such public officer's salary been increased and not diminished.

An officer deprived of his office may continue to contribute.

13 A public officer who may retire from the public service, or who may be deprived of the office in respect of which he contributed to the fund, but who shall not be granted a pension, may continue to contribute from the date of his so retiring or being deprived of his office on the salary which he was receiving at the date of such retirement or deprivation, at the same rate and subject to the same terms and conditions as if he had continued in the public service and continued to receive the salary which he was receiving at the date of such retirement or deprivation. In the event of his ceasing to contribute, or in the event of any contributions due from him not having been paid for six months, his widow or his widow and orphans, as the case may be, shall be entitled upon the death of such public officer only to a pension computed on the basis of the interest acquired by such contributor in the fund at the date of his so retiring or being deprived of his situation or of his ceasing to contribute, in accordance with the tables hereinafter referred to.

Provisions for case of officers transferred to other employment under the Crown.

14 A public officer other than a bachelor who has been transferred prior to the passing of this Ordinance, or who may be hereafter transferred from the service of this Government to any other office under the Crown, may continue to contribute to the fund from the date of his ceasing to hold office in the service of this Government on the salary which he was receiving at the date of such transfer, at the same rate and subject to the same terms as if he had continued in the service of this Government and continued to receive the salary which he was receiving at the date of such transfer. In the event of his ceasing to contribute, or in the event of any contribution due from him not having been paid for six months, his widow or his widow and orphans, as the case may be, shall be entitled after the death of such public officer only to a pension computed on the basis of the interest acquired by such contributor to the fund at the date of his being transferred or of his ceasing to contribute in accordance with the tables hereinafter referred to.

Officer to furnish particulars within three months of his appointment.

15 Every public officer shall, within three months of the date of his becoming liable to contribute to the fund, forward to the directors a declaration setting forth the date of his becoming so liable, his own name in full and the date of his birth, and if he be married the date of his marriage and the maiden name in full and the date of birth of his wife, and if he have any child or children their names in full and the date of each of their births. The public officer making the declaration shall furnish to the directors such proof of the statements made therein as may be required by the directors.

Officer to notify marriage.

16 Every public officer who shall marry after the passing of this Ordinance shall, within three months of his marriage, forward to the directors a declaration setting forth the date of such marriage and the maiden name of his wife and the date

of her birth, and if there be any children by him born to his wife prior to his marriage he shall make a declaration setting forth the names and date of birth of each of such children.

Officer to notify birth of child.

17 Every public officer shall, within three months, notify to the directors the date of the birth of each child born to him after the passing of this Ordinance.

Officer to notify death of wife, or if she be divorced from him.

18 Every public officer whose wife shall die or be divorced from him, or whose child shall die, or whose female child shall be married, and the guardian of every child who shall die or of every female child who shall be married, shall, within three months thereof, notify to the directors the date of such death, divorce, or marriage.

Penalty for non-compliance with foregoing.

19 Every public officer who shall in the judgment of the directors have failed, omitted, or refused to perform any duty cast upon him, or to do any act required of him by this Ordinance or by the rules and regulations made as herein provided, or who shall in the judgment of the directors have furnished any false information or made any false declaration, may be adjudged by the directors to pay for each such omission, default, refusal, false information, or declaration a penalty not exceeding fifty rupees. The Treasurer shall, upon the judgment of the directors being notified to him, deduct such penalty from the first moneys payable to the public officer as salary or otherwise, and shall pay such amount to the credit of the fund.

Who shall be entitled to pension.

20 The widows and orphans entitled to pensions from the fund are the widows and orphans of public officers who have contributed to the fund in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance or the Ordinances Nos. 20 of 1885 and 21 of 1896, save as hereinafter excepted. No pension shall become due, and no pension shall be paid to any widow or orphan of any public officer, until every debt due to the fund by such public officer shall have been fully discharged.

Exceptions from benefits of fund.

21 No widow of a public officer who dies within one year from the date of his marriage shall be entitled to a pension under this Ordinance unless a lawful child is born of such marriage. The child of any public officer born out of wedlock, who has become legitimate by the subsequent marriage of such public officer with the mother of such child, shall be entitled to a pension or allowance from the fund, unless his father shall have died within twelve months of such marriage, in which case such child shall lose all interest in the fund.

Provided that it shall be lawful for the directors, with the consent of the Governor in Executive Council, to award a pension to such widow or child if it shall appear to them just and reasonable in the special circumstances of any case.

When pension to orphans shall cease.

22 The allowance or pension to orphans shall cease in the case of males at the age of eighteen years, and in the case of females on marriage or at the age of twenty-one years.

Pension how computed.

23 The pension or allowance to which a widow or child of a deceased public officer is entitled shall be computed according to tables to be approved of by the Governor with the advice of the Executive Council. Such tables shall be adjusted and revised by an actuary or actuaries who shall be from time to time appointed by the Governor with the advice of the Executive Council. All pensions to widows or children, whether in possession or in expectation and reversion, shall be subject to re-adjustment, and shall be computed upon the tables so adjusted and revised, and diminished or increased accordingly.

Pension to orphans.

24 When a public officer being a widower and unmarried shall die or have died leaving a child or children entitled to pensions, or when a widow of a public officer shall die or have died and there be a child or children of such public officer surviving entitled to pension, the pensions of such child or children shall be the amount which the widow would have received or had been receiving, equally divided among the children.

- Provision in case of widow marrying. 25 The widow of a public officer who marries again shall cease to receive a pension from the date of such marriage; and the children of such widow and public officer shall thereupon, and in the case of the widow of a public officer who has married again and has ceased to receive a pension from the date of such marriage the children of such widow and public officer shall, from and after the coming into operation of this Ordinance, be entitled to pension as hereinbefore provided in the event of the death of both parents.
- Provision in case of a widow and children of a previous marriage. 26 When a public officer dies leaving a widow and children the issue of a previous marriage existing when he became a contributor to the fund, or contracted after he became such contributor, and such children are of ages which entitled them to pensions from the fund, such children shall be entitled each of them to an equal share or portion of the half of the pension to which their mother, if she had survived their father, would have been entitled. The widow of such public officer shall be entitled to one-half of the pension to which she would have been entitled had there been no such children; and if the public officer dies leaving no such children, or when they cease to be entitled to pension, then she shall be entitled to the whole of such pension as she would have received had there been no such children. Should the widow die leaving no issue of her marriage with the public officer, the children of the first marriage shall be entitled to such pensions as if the public officer had not contracted such subsequent marriage. Should the widow die leaving children the issue of her marriage with the public officer, such children shall be entitled each to an equal share or portion of the pension to which their mother was entitled.
- Pension to children of a widower. 27 The children of a widower who shall become or has become a contributor to the fund shall be entitled on his death, and the children of a widower who has contributed to the fund and has died prior to the coming into operation of this Ordinance, shall be entitled from and after the coming into operation of this Ordinance to the pension to which they would have been entitled if their mother had been living at the time of his becoming liable to contribute thereto.
- Pension to be paid monthly, and proof of death to be produced before payment. 28 The pension payable to any person entitled thereto under this Ordinance shall begin upon the death of the public officer or of his widow, as the case may be, and shall accrue daily and shall be paid monthly. But before any such payment it shall be lawful for the directors to require proof that any widow or child is alive and entitled to the pension claimed by such widow or child.
- Directors to appoint person to receive payment on behalf of minors. 29 In any case in which a minor is entitled to payment of a pension or portion of a pension under this Ordinance, it shall be lawful for the Directors to appoint some fit and proper person to whom such pension shall be paid. Such appointment shall be in writing under the hand of at least three of the directors, and the receipt of such person shall be a legal discharge for the payment of such pension or portion thereof.
- Pensions not to be assigned or levied upon. 30 No pension payable from the fund shall be assigned or transferred, and every assignment or transfer shall be absolutely null and void and of no effect. No such pension shall be attached or levied upon or arrested or taken in execution on account of any debt or payment due by the person to whom such pension is payable.
- Questions and disputes to be decided by Governor in Executive Council. 31 Should any question arise as to whether any person is a public officer within the meaning of this Ordinance, or as to whether any person is entitled to any pension as the widow or child of a public officer, or as to the amount of pension to which any widow or child shall be entitled, or as to the meaning or construction to be assigned to any section of this Ordinance, or to any rule or regulation made under the provisions thereof, it shall be lawful for the directors, and such directors are required, upon the application of any

such public officer, widow, or child, to submit such question for decision to the Governor; and the decision of the Governor thereon, with the advice of the Executive Council, shall be final.

Widow not entitled to pension if marriage contracted after officer had ceased to contribute.

32 No widow of a public officer whose marriage was contracted after he had ceased to contribute and no child of such marriage shall be entitled to any pension.

Pension not to exceed amount fixed by the actuary.

33 The pension to which any widow, or in the event of the death of the widow to which the child or children of a public officer shall become entitled, shall in no case exceed three thousand rupees, or such larger sum as shall be fixed by the actuary or actuaries appointed under section 23 of this Ordinance, provided that no public officer shall be compelled to pay any contributions beyond such as would bring up the pension to which a widow or child or children might be entitled to such maximum amount.

No increase or decrease of pension if residing in climate less or more healthy than Ceylon.

34 No pension, whether payable to a widow or to a child or children, shall be increased or decreased by reason of the residence of the person entitled to such pension being less or more healthy as to climate than Ceylon.

One-half of bachelor's contribution to be returned on retirement.

35 Fifty per cent. of the contributions made by a bachelor shall be returned, but without interest, upon the retirement, unmarried, of such officer from the public service of this colony with or without pension.

By His Excellency's command,

E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, December 4, 1897.

MINUTE.

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

An Ordinance to exempt from Customs Duty Frozen Meat, and to allow a rebate of such Duty on Kerosine Oil used in Oil Engines.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient to exempt from the payment of customs duty frozen meat, and to allow a rebate of such duty on kerosine oil used in oil engines: Be it therefore enacted by the Governor of Ceylon, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:

Commencement.

1 This Ordinance shall come into operation on the day of 189

2 In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires:

“Frozen meat” includes the frozen flesh of animals and other frozen substances, articles, and fruits used for human food.

“Kerosine oil” includes the liquids commonly known by the names of rock oil, Rangoon oil, Burmah oil, kerosine, petroleum, paraffine oil, mineral oil, petroline, gasoline, benzol, benzoline, benzine, and any inflammable liquid that is made from petroleum, coal, schist, shale, peat, or any other bituminous substance, or from any products of petroleum.

Exemption of frozen meat from customs duty.

3 From and after the coming into operation of this Ordinance, frozen meat shall not be liable to payment of customs duty when imported into this island, anything in the Ordinances No. 17 of 1869, No. 14 of 1871, and No. 39 of 1884, or any other Ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding.

Rebate of duty on kerosine oil used in oil engines.

4 (1) From and after the coming into operation of this Ordinance a rebate shall be allowed by the Principal Collector of Customs of duty paid on kerosine oil used as the source of motive power in oil engines, upon the production of such certificate and such evidence as may be prescribed by the regulations to be made by the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, under this Ordinance, anything in the Ordinance No. 5 of 1892 or any other Ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding.

(2) The rebate shall be paid out of the duties received by the Principal Collector of Customs, anything in section 16 of the Ordinance No. 17 of 1869 to the contrary notwithstanding.

Regulations.

5 The Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, may from time to time make, and when made revoke or vary, such regulations as may seem necessary or expedient in respect of the allowance of rebate, by the Principal Collector of Customs, of duty paid on kerosine oil which has been used as the source of motive power in oil engines.

Matters in respect of which regulations may be made.

6 (1) The regulations made under the last preceding section may provide amongst other things :

- (a) For prescribing the nature and form of the certificate required by section 4.
- (b) For prescribing the nature of the evidence to be produced in support of a claim for rebate.
- (c) For inspecting any engine in which kerosine oil is used as the source of motive power, and a claim for rebate under section 4 is made, and the premises in or upon which such engine is kept.
- (d) For prescribing the times when and the periods for which payments of rebate shall be made.
- (e) For the appointment of inspectors and other officers to carry out the provisions of any regulations made under this Ordinance, and for regulating their duties and conduct, and for investing them with all powers necessary for the due execution of their duties.

(2) Provided always that nothing in this section contained shall in any way restrict or be construed to restrict the generality of the powers conferred on the Governor by the last preceding section, but such powers shall extend to all matters, whether similar or not to those in this section mentioned, as to which it may be expedient to make regulations for the better carrying into effect of the objects of this Ordinance.

Offence.

7 (1) If any person, without lawful authority or excuse (proof whereof shall lie on him), contravenes any regulation made under this Ordinance, or does or omits to do anything which under the provisions of any such regulations he ought not to do or omit, or if he obstructs or impedes, or assists in obstructing or impeding any inspector or other officer appointed under this Ordinance in the execution of any provision of any such regulation, he shall be guilty of an offence against this Ordinance.

(2) Every prosecution for an offence against this Ordinance may be instituted in the police court of the division in which the offence was committed, and such court may impose the full penalties herein prescribed, anything in the Criminal Procedure Code or in any other Ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding.

Penalty.

8 (1) If any person is guilty of an offence against this Ordinance, he shall be liable on conviction before a police magistrate to imprisonment of either description for a term not exceeding six months, or to a fine not exceeding one thousand rupees, or to both.

(2) Nothing in this section contained shall affect the liability of any person to any punishment or penalty to which he is liable at common law, or under any enactment other than this Ordinance, but so that a person shall not be punished twice for one and the same offence.

Regulations to
be published.

9 All regulations made under this Ordinance shall be published in the *Government Gazette*, and shall from the date of such publication have the same force as if they had been enacted in this Ordinance.

By His Excellency's command,

E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary,
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, December 3, 1897.

MINUTE.

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

An Ordinance for making final provision for the Supplementary Contingent Charges for the year 1896.

Preamble.

WHEREAS by an Ordinance No. 16 of 1896 it was enacted that a sum of Rs. 1,161,683·78 should be charged upon the revenue of this island for the Supplementary Contingent Services of the year One thousand Eight hundred and Ninety-six, in addition to the sum of Rs. 14,416,789 provided by the Ordinance No. 16 of 1895: And whereas an expenditure of Rs. 144,638·84 was incurred and brought to account for the Contingent Services of the year 1896, for which provision is not made by the aforesaid Ordinances: It is enacted by the Governor of Ceylon, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:

Rs. 144,638·84 charged upon the revenue of this island of the year 1896 for the final Supplementary Contingent Service of that year.

1 That a sum not exceeding One hundred and forty-four thousand Six hundred and thirty-eight rupees and Eighty-four cents shall be and the same is hereby charged upon the revenue of this island of the said year 1896, for the services hereinafter mentioned; the said expenditure being in conformity with the schedule hereunto annexed, whereof the following is an abstract:

	Rs.	c.
Pensions ...	5,884	18
Medical Department ...	1,756	20
Exchange ...	64,489	36
Miscellaneous Services ...	72,469	64
Public Works Extraordinary ...	39	46
Total ...	144,638	84

SCHEDULE.

	Rs.	c.	Rs.	c.
PENSIONS.				
Crown Agents, London ...	—		5,884	18
MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.				
Other Charges ...	—		1,756	20
EXCHANGE.				
Treasurer ...	—		64,489	36
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES.				
Treasurer ...	61,334	36		
Government and Agents in India ...	13	93		
Master Attendant, Colombo ...	3,761	78		
Crown Agents ...	7,359	57		
			72,469	64
PUBLIC WORKS EXTRAORDINARY.				
Additions and Improvements to Roads ...	—		39	46
Total ...			144,638	84

By His Excellency's command,

E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, December 1, 1897.

NOTICES IN TESTAMENTARY ACTIONS.

In the District Court of Colombo.

Order Nisi.

Testamentary Jurisdiction. } In the Matter of the Estate of the late Nawagamuwagey Bastian Perera Appuhami, deceased, of Kotuwila in Ambatalenpahala.
No. 969/C.

THIS matter coming on for disposal before F. R. Dias, Esq., Acting District Judge of Colombo, on the 18th day of November, 1897, in the presence of Mr. C. M. Brito, Proctor, on the part of the petitioner Welatantrige Pesona Boteju Hamine; and the affidavit of the said Welatantrige Pesona Boteju Hamine, dated 10th November, 1897, having been read:

It is declared that the said Welatantrige Pesona Boteju Hamine, as the widow of the above-named deceased, is entitled to have letters of administration of the estate of the said deceased issued to her accordingly, unless the respondents—1, Nawagamuwagey Adrian Perera Appuhami of Kotuwila; 2, Liyanamohothgey Tissa Nona; 3, Liyanemohothgey Peko Nona; 4, Liyanemohothgey Missy Nona, all of Makola in the Adikari pattu of Siyane korale—shall, on or before the 16th day of December, 1897, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

F. R. DIAS,
Acting District Judge.

The 18th day of November, 1897.

In the District Court of Negombo.

Order Nisi.

Testamentary Jurisdiction. } In the Matter of the Intestate Estate of Weeramundege Makowis Fernando, of Dalupotta, deceased.

Weeramundege Selestina Fernando, of Dalupotta..... Applicant.

Vs.

1, Weeramundege Luisa Fernando; 2, W. Karlina; 3, W. Maria Fernando; 4, W. James; 5, W. Aron; 6, W. Cornelis; 7, W. Veronica; 8, W. Mendis; 9, W. Vitoris; 10, Uparis; 11, W. Marthelis, all of Dalupotta; 12, W. Maria; 13, W. Husamma, wife of H. Manuel; 14, W. Piloris; 15, B. Somitha; 16, W. Sitha, wife of D. Marthelis; 17, W. Eaujenis; 18, W. Bastian; 19, W. Ava; 20, D. Ernis Fernando; 21, A. Simitha; 22, A. Helena Fernando; 23, A. Nacho Fernando; 24, A. Gustina, wife of C. Marthiu; and 25, A. Alinus..... Respondents.

THE matter of the petition of Weeramundege Selestina Fernando praying for letters of administration to the estate of the above-named deceased, M. Makowis

Fernando coming on for disposal before G. M. Fowler, Esq., District Judge, on the 10th day of November, 1897, in the presence of M. J. K. Carron, Proctor, on the part of the petitioner; and the affidavit of the petitioner, dated 12th day of October, 1897, having been read: It is declared that the petitioner, as the lawful wife of the said intestate, is entitled to have letters of administration to the estate of the said intestate issued to her, unless the respondents or any other person shall, on or before the 16th day of December, 1897, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

GEORGE M. FOWLER,
District Judge.

Dated November 10, 1897.

In the District Court of Galle.

No. 3,215. In the Matter of the Last Will and Testament of Wedarachchige Lewis de Silva Wickremetunge and Thoodellage Bastiana Fernando, deceased, of Galle.

THIS matter coming on for disposal before F. J. de Livera, Esq., District Judge of Galle, on the 5th day of November, 1897, in the presence of Mr. A. D. Jayasundera, Proctor, on the part of the petitioners Pattiage Thomas Fernando Gunawardena, Muhandiram, and Pattiage David Fernando, both of Colombo; and the affidavit of the said Pattiage Thomas Fernando Gunawardena and Pattiage David Fernando, dated 8th October, 1897, having been read: It is ordered that the will of Wedarachchige Lewis de Silva Wickremetunge and Thoodellage Bastiana Fernando, deceased, dated 17th May, 1894, and now filed in the above case, be and the same is hereby declared proved. It is further declared that the said Pattiage Thomas Fernando Gunawardena, Muhandiram, and Pattiage David Fernando, both of Colombo, are the executors named in the said will, and that they are as such entitled to have probate of the same issued to them accordingly; unless the respondents—(1) Wedarachchige Solomon de Silva Wickremetunge of Galle; (2) Wedarachchige Charles de Silva Wickremetunge of Galle; (3) Wedarachchige Selphina de Silva Wickremetunge of Colombo, wife of first petitioner; (4) Wedarachchige Sophia de Silva Wickremetunge of Colombo, wife of second petitioner; (5) Wedarachchige Princina de Silva Wickremetunge of Galle—shall, on or before the 16th day of December, 1897, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

F. J. DE LIVERA,
District Judge.

The 5th day of November, 1897.

NOTICES OF INSOLVENCY.

In the District Court of Colombo.

No. 1,921. In the matter of the insolvency of Vana Moona Wamsa Maricar, of No. 43, Second Cross street, Pettah, Colombo.

WHEREAS the above-named Vana Moona Wamsa Maricar was on November 18, 1897, adjudged insolvent by the District Court of Colombo, and an order has been made by the said court placing the estate of the said insolvent under sequestration in the hands of the Fiscal: Notice thereof is hereby given to all concerned, and notice is also hereby given that the said court has appointed that two public sittings of the court will be held, to wit, on December 23, 1897, and January 13, 1898, for the said insolvent to surrender and conform, and for such other proceedings in the said matter as may then be competent under the Ordinance No. 7 of 1853, intituled "An Ordinance for the due collection, administration, and distribution of Insolvent Estates."

By order of court,

Colombo, November 20, 1897. A. SANTIAGO,
Acting Secretary.

No. 1,923. In the matter of the insolvency of Coomorage Don Bastian, of Colamunne in Salpiti korale.

WHEREAS the above-named Coomorage Don Bastian was on November 19, 1897, adjudged insolvent by the District Court of Colombo, and an order has been made by the said court placing the estate of the said insolvent under sequestration in the hands of the Fiscal: Notice thereof is hereby given to all concerned, and notice is also hereby given that the said court has appointed that two public sittings of the court will be held, to wit, on December 23, 1897, and January 13, 1898, for the said insolvent to surrender and conform, and for such other proceedings in the said matter as may then be competent under the Ordinance No. 7 of 1853, intituled "An Ordinance for the due collection, administration, and distribution of Insolvent Estates."

By order of court,

Colombo, November 20, 1897. A. SANTIAGO,
Acting Secretary.

No. 1,901. In the matter of the insolvency of Edmund Dionysius Melhuisen, of Kotahena.

NOTICE is hereby given that a certificate as of the third class was on November 29, 1897, awarded to the above-named insolvent.

By order of court,

Colombo, December 6, 1897. A. SANTIAGO,
Acting Secretary.

No. 1,902. In the matter of the insolvency of Peter Anandappa, of Kotahena.

NOTICE is hereby given that a certificate as of the third class was on November 29, 1897, awarded to the above-named insolvent.

By order of court,

Colombo, December 6, 1897. A. SANTIAGO,
Acting Secretary.

No. 1,903.

In the matter of the insolvency of Usoof Lebbe Ibrahim Lebbe Markan, of Veyangoda.

NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named insolvent will take place at the sitting of this court on January 13, 1898, for the purpose of granting a certificate to the above-named insolvent.

By order of court,

Colombo, December 7, 1897. A. SANTIAGO,
Acting Secretary.

No. 1,905.

In the matter of the insolvency of Cecil William Gray, of Bambalapitiya.

NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named insolvent will take place at the sitting of this court on January 6, 1898, for the purpose of granting a certificate of conformity to the said insolvent.

By order of court,

Colombo, December 6, 1897. A. SANTIAGO,
Acting Secretary.

In the District Court of Kandy.

No. 1,379.

In the matter of the insolvency of Ena Jalal Oodeen, of Kandy.

NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named insolvent will take place at the sitting of this court on January 14, 1898, for the allowance to the above-named insolvent of his certificate of conformity.

By order of court,

Kandy, December 4, 1897. W. M. DE SILVA,
Acting Secretary.

In the District Court of Galle.

No. 276.

In the matter of the insolvency of D. J. Thoronis, of Green Market street, Galle Bazaar.

NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named insolvent will take place at the sitting of this court on January 22, 1898, to grant a certificate of conformity to the above-named insolvent.

By order of court,

Galle, December 4, 1897. JAMES KRAUSE,
Secretary.

No. 281.

In the matter of the insolvency of Ahamadu Jamaldeen Mohamadu Abubaker, of Gintota.

THE second sittings in the above matter is fixed for January 14, 1898, of which creditors are hereby required to take notice.

By order of court,

Galle, November 30, 1897. E. M. DE COSTA,
for Secretary.

NOTICES OF FISCALS' SALES.

Western Province

In the District Court of Colombo.

Sayna Pana Lana Palaniappa Chetty, of Sea street, in Colombo Plaintiff.

No. 8,156/C. Vs.

Samogam Pulle Periyayagam Pulle, of Darley road, Maradana, Colombo... Defendant.

NOTICE is hereby given that on Friday, January 14, 1898, at 12 o'clock noon, will be sold by public auction at this office the following mortgaged property decreed to be sold by the decree entered in the above case, viz. :—

All that bond or obligation and mortgage in favour of the defendant bearing No. 252, dated December 8, 1890, and attested by J. J. de Fry of Colombo, Notary Public, and granted by Kotage Lawrence Silva and Pavistina Perera (whereby a sum of Rs. 1,000 and interest is secured to be paid to the defendant or to his executors or administrators or assigns), and the mortgage security of the lands described in the said bond, together with the said principal sum of Rs. 1,000 then due and owing to the defendant upon the security of the said bond, and all interest then due and thereafter to become due for the same, and the benefit of all securities for the same, and all the right, title, and interest, claim and demand whatsoever of the defendant to, in, or upon the said bond and mortgage, moneys, and premises.

Fiscal's Office, SOLOMON SENEVIRATNE,
Colombo, December 8, 1897. Deputy Fiscal.

In the District Court of Colombo.

Rawanna Mana Sockalingam Chetty, of Silver-smith lane, Colombo... Plaintiff.

No. 10,261/C. Vs.

1, Gabriel Perera and his wife 2, Selestina Perera, both of Maligakanda in Maradana, Colombo... Defendants.

NOTICE is hereby given that on Friday, January 14, 1898, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, will be sold by public auction at the premises the right, title, and interest of the said second defendant in the following property, viz. :—

An undivided half part of the house and ground called Kongahawatta, situated at Borella within the Municipality of Colombo, now bearing assessment No. 3; and bounded on the north by a road, on the north-east by land claimed by Singhara Elias, on the south-east by the property of M. de Cooray, and on the south-west by a lane; containing in extent 32 perches more or less.

Fiscal's Office, SOLOMON SENEVIRATNE,
Colombo, December 8, 1897. Deputy Fiscal.

In the District Court of Colombo.

S. P. M. Cuttayan Chetty, of Colombo... Plaintiff.

No. 10,593/C. Vs.

1, E. Perera; and 2, D. R. Lewis, both of Wolfendahl street, Colombo... Defendants.

NOTICE is hereby given that on Wednesday, January 5, 1898, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, will be sold by public auction at the premises the right, title, and interest of the said defendants in the following property, viz. :—

All that house and ground bearing assessment No. 54, situated at Grandpass road in Colombo; and bounded on the north by the property bearing assessment No. 117 belonging to D. S. Perera, Mudaliyar, on the east by the property bearing assessment No. 55 belonging to Hadjar, on the south by the high road to Grandpass, and on the west by the property bearing assessment No. 53 belonging to Ponniah; containing in extent 2 roods more or less.

Fiscal's Office, SOLOMON SENEVIRATNE,
Colombo, December 8, 1897. Deputy Fiscal.

In the District Court of Negombo.

Pena Rena Choona Suppramanian Chetty..... Plaintiff.
No. 2,705. Vs.

Mallewa Arachchige Don Paulu Appuhami... Defendant.

NOTICE is hereby given that on January 7, 1898, commencing at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, will be sold by public auction at the premises the following property, specially hypothecated by bond No. 3,645 dated May 7, 1896, viz. :—

All that portion of the field sufficient to sow five parras of paddy in and out of the field called Halelikumbura, situate at Kongodamulla in the Dunugaha pattu of the Alutkuru korale; the entire field is bounded on the north by the land of Silvestri Appu, on the east by the limit dam of the field belonging to the children of Juse Muppu, on the south by the dam of the field of Francisco Appu, and on the west by the garden of Don Joronis Appu; containing in extent 9 parras of paddy showing more or less.

On January 8, 1898, commencing at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, will be sold by public auction at the premises, viz. :—

1. An allotment of land at Pansilgoda, in the Dasiya pattu of the Alutkuru korale; bounded on the north-west, west, and north by the land described in plan 53,191; on the north-east by land said to belong to K. Juan Fernando and by land described in plans 51,764, 113,180, and 113,076; on the south-east by a reservation for a road, by land described in plan 113,181, by land purchased by L. Juse Perera, and by land said to belong to S. Fernando; and south-west by Minuwangoda-oya, by land said to belong to S. Fernando, and by land described in plan 113,078; containing in extent 14 acres 3 roods and 28 perches more or less.

2. A portion of the garden called Makullegahawatta, situate at Burulapitiya, in do; bounded on the north by the high road, on the east by a portion of this land of Don Paulu Appuhami, on the south by the ela, and on the west by a portion of this land of Don Johannes, Vel-vidane; containing in extent 1 acre 1 rood, and declared liable to be sold in satisfaction of the decree entered in the above case.

Amount to be levied Rs. 2,322-62½, and interest on Rs. 2,200 at 13 per cent. per annum from May 7, 1896.

FRED. G. HEPONSTALL,
Deputy Fiscal.

Deputy Fiscal's Office,
Negombo, December 6, 1897.

In the District Court of Negombo.

Pena Rena Choona Weerappen Chetty, by his attorney Pena Rena Choona Suppramanian Chetty..... Plaintiff.

No. 2,793. Vs.

Lokupothagamage Don Gomis Appuhami and another Defendants.

NOTICE is hereby given that on January 5, 1898, commencing at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, will be sold by public auction at the premises the following property, specially mortgaged, viz. :—

The northern half part from the portion of garden called Kahatagahawatta alias Ambagahawatta and the tiled house standing thereon (excluding therefrom two jak trees and one cocoanut tree), situate at Kussela in the Rayigam pattu of the Alutkuru korale; which entire land is bounded on the north by the garden purchased by Gregoris Appu, on the east by a fence of the portion of this garden purchased by Don Gomis Appuhami and by land belonging to Lokupothagamage Don Bastian Appuhami and Mutukuda Arachchige Don Adonis Appu, on the south by garden formerly of Don Juanis Appuhami now of Don Thelenis Appuhami, and on the west by the land of Lokupothagamage Don Bastian Appuhami and

Don Gomis Appuhami; containing in extent 1 acre more or less, and declared liable to be sold in satisfaction of the decree entered in the above case.

Amount to be levied Rs. 500.

FRED. G. HEPPONSTALL,
Deputy Fiscal's Office, Deputy Fiscal.
Negombo, December 6, 1897.

In the District Court of Colombo.

Godagampoladewage Babanis Fernando.....Plaintiff.
No. C/9,752. Vs.

Don Allis Ranasinha Wijewardana.....Defendant.

NOTICE is hereby given that on January 11, 1898, commencing at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, will be sold by public auction at the premises the right, title, and interest of the said defendant in the following property, viz. :—

1. An undivided half of a land called Ambagahālanda, situate at Mabodala in the Dasiya pattu of the Alutkuru korale; the entire land is bounded on the north by land described in plan 102,616 and by land said to belong to the Crown, on the north-east by land said to belong to the Crown and by land claimed by B. Selenchi Appu, on the south-east by land said to belong to the Crown, on the south by land said to belong to the Crown and lands claimed by O. Poloris Appu and W. Poloris Appu and reservation for a road and by a ditch, on the south-west by land reserved for a road, on the west by lands described in plans 108,666 and 108,450 and land claimed by W. Lapahami and the property of Lapahami, and on the north-west by land described in plan 108,591 and by land said to belong to the Crown; containing in extent 59 acres 1 rood and 12 perches more or less.

2. An undivided half of Kekunegahawatta, at do.; the entire land is bounded on the north and north-east by lands described in plans 10,851, 108,589, and 108,449, the property of M. Allis Appu, and by land claimed by W. Lapahami; on the east by land described in plan 108,602 and land purchased by P. Miranda, Mudaliyar; and on the west by lands described in plans 81,555, 81,965, and 10,862, by the property of W. Selohami and others; containing in extent 14 acres 3 roods and 16 perches more or less, excluding a portion of 3 acres 2 roods and 13 perches sold to Don Carolis, Vel-vidane.

3. An undivided half of Horagahālanda, at do.; the entire land is bounded on the north by land reserved for a road, east and south-east by the land of N. Poloris Appu and others, south by the land of Pitche Lebbe Tambi Basa, and on the west by land described in plans 10,853 and 108,867; containing in extent 1 acre and 31 perches more or less.

Amount to be levied Rs. 882.75, with further interest on Rs. 825 at 9 per cent. per annum from January 29, 1897.

FRED. G. HEPPONSTALL,
Deputy Fiscal's Office, Deputy Fiscal.
Negombo, December 6, 1897.

In the Court of Requests of Kalutara.

A. Don Louis, of Kalutara.....Plaintiff.
No. 656. Vs.

Pina Alagan Kangany, of Kalutara.....Defendant.

NOTICE is hereby given that on Thursday, January 6, 1898, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, will be sold by public auction at the premises the right, title, and interest of the said defendant in the following property, for the recovery of Rs. 150.25, with interest on Rs. 130 at 9 per cent. per annum from September 6, 1897, viz. :—

An undivided 11/14 parts of the soil and of the trees with the two-tiled boutique rooms standing bordering the road and the two rooms towards the north lying to the east of the above-mentioned two boutique rooms standing thereon on a portion of the land called Weediawatta of the extent of about half an acre, situated in the town of Kalutara; bounded on the north by Sapateruwawatta in which the hospital stands, east by Diulgahawatta alias Babayagewatta, south by a portion of Weediawatta, and on the west by the high road.

Deputy Fiscal's Office, H. W. BRODHURST,
Kalutara, December 6, 1897. Deputy Fiscal.

Central Province.

In the District Court of Kandy.

1, A. R. Murugappa Chetty; and 2, A. R. M. R. Arunaselam Chetty.....Plaintiffs.

No. 401. Vs.

Ossan Saibo Omer Lebbe Marikkar, first defendant; Omer Lebbe Marikkar Nayna MariKkar, second defendant; Mohamadu Casim's daughter Hameed Ummah, fourth defendant, now represented by Ossan Saibo Omer Lebbe Marikkar of Kandy, the administrator of her estate.....Defendants

NOTICE is hereby given that on December 30, 1897, at 12 o'clock noon, will be sold by public auction at the premises the right, title, interest, claim, and demand of the above-named first and second defendants and of Mohamadu Casim's daughter Hameed Ummah, the fourth defendant, now represented by Ossan Saibo Omer Lebbe Marikkar, the administrator of her estate, in and to all that house and ground bearing No. 171, situated at Colombo street in Kandy; and bounded on the west by the property of Don Andris Jayatilleke Appuhamy, on the east by the property of Perumawadugey Gabriel Silva, on the south by Colombo street, and on the north by the property of Wilmot, Esq.; containing in extent 2.80 square perches.

Amount of writ Rs. 9,300.

WM. DUNUWILLE,
Fiscal.

Fiscal's Office,
Kandy, December 1, 1897.

Southern Province.

In the District Court of Galle.

Joseph David Conrad Perera Wijewickrama Seneviratne, Mudaliyar of Wellaboda pattu...Plaintiff.
No. 4,669. Vs.

Arthur Jayawardena, Atapattu Mudaliyar.....Defendant.

NOTICE is hereby given that on Saturday, January 8, 1898, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, will be sold by public auction at the spot the following property, viz. :—

All that $\frac{1}{10}$ and $\frac{1}{3}$ of thirty-second part of the soil and trees of the garden called Dampolawatta alias Tuppahiralagewatta, walled round by the masonry wall, together with the buildings standing thereon, situate at Hikkaduwa; mortgaged by writing obligatory No 2,719, dated May 29, 1896, and declared bound and executable under the judgment entered in the above case.

This writ is issued to levy a sum of Rs. 2,113.45.

C. T. LEEBRUGGEN,
Fiscal's Office, for Fiscal.
Galle, December 1, 1897.

In the District Court of Galle.

R. M. A. N. Suppramanian Pullai, of Kaluwella...Plaintiff.
No. 4,702. Vs.

1, T. B. Karunaratne; 2, J. Karunaratne, both of Minuwangoda.....Defendants.

NOTICE is hereby given that on Friday, January 7, 1898, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, will be sold by public auction at the spot the right, title, and interest of the said defendants in the following property, viz. :—

The entire soil and trees of Tasmakaragewatta (exclusive of the house of the late Dingo and the soil covered thereby), situate at Kumbalwella.

This writ is issued to levy a sum of Rs. 712.21, with interest on Rs. 654.41 at 9 per cent. per annum from August 10, 1897.

C. T. LEEBRUGGEN,
Fiscal's Office, for Fiscal.
Galle, December 7, 1897.

North-Western Province.

In the District Court of Chilaw.

Suna Pana Kana Nana Supramanian Chetty....Plaintiff.
 Warnakulasuriya Kalugawage Juan Jagorias
 Fernando, of WennappuwaSubstituted Plaintiff.
 No. 1,463. Vs.

Frederick de Mendis Gunatileke Siriwardane
 Appuhamy and his wife, of Marawila.....Defendants.

NOTICE is hereby given that on Saturday, January
 8, 1898, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, will be
 sold by public auction at the premises the right, title, and
 interest of the said defendants in the following property,
 viz. :—

All the trees and soil of the portion of the land called
 Paragahayaya, situate at Marawila, which is of the extent
 of 7 acres 3 roods and 13½ perches and half share of the
 tiled house and other buildings appertaining thereto ;
 bounded on the north by the partition live fence of the
 land of the heirs of Gabriel Fernando Annavia, east by the
 live fence of a portion of this land planted by Bastian
 Korera, south by the road leading to the church, and on
 the west by the live fence of a portion of this land
 planted by Manuel Fernando and the calamander tree
 standing on the said limit.

Amount recoverable Rs. 1,722-12, with interest on
 Rs. 1,500 at 18 per cent. per annum from March 5, 1896,
 and poundage.

C. R. CUMBERLAND,
 Deputy Fiscal's Office,
 Chilaw, December 6, 1897.
 Deputy Fiscal.

DISTRICT AND MINOR COURTS NOTICES.

NOTICE is hereby given that a suit No. 377 has been
 instituted in the Court of Requests of Avisawella
 by five labourers of Sembuwatte estate, Kitulgalla,
 against the proprietor thereof, under the Ordinance
 No. 13 of 1889, for the recovery of their wages amounting
 to Rs. 48-50.

This 16th day of November, 1897.

J. W. DIAS,
 Chief Clerk.

NOTICE is hereby given that a suit has been insti-
 tuted in the Court of Requests of Hatton by
 twenty-two labourers of Erlsmere estate against the
 proprietor or proprietors of Erlsmere estate, under the
 Ordinance No. 13 of 1889, for the recovery of the wages
 amounting to Rs. 228-56.

Dated November 23, 1897.

O. S. MAHAMADU,
 Chief Clerk.