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HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUT.-GOVERNOR will hold a Levée at the Pavilion, Kandy, on Wednesday, the 24th instant, at 1 o'clock P.M., in honour of HER MAJESTY'S BIRTHDAY.

All officers and gentlemen attending the Levée are requested to bring with them two cards with their names legibly written thereon: one card to be delivered on entering the Pavilion and the other to the Aide-de-Camp on duty at the time of presentation.

Gentlemen wearing uniform will appear in full dress.

Gentlemen not entitled to wear uniform will appear in evening dress, or morning dress with black coat.

By command,

WILLIAM WYNDHAM, Captain, King's Royal Rifles,
Aide-de-Camp.

The Pavilion,
Kandy, May 9, 1899.

PROCLAMATIONS BY THE LIEUT.-GOVERNOR.

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

PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency Sir EDWARD NOEL WALKER, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Lieutenant-Governor in and over the Island of Ceylon, with the Dependencies thereof.

E. NOEL WALKER.

WHEREAS by section 289 of "The Criminal Procedure Code, 1898," it is enacted that if from the absence of a witness or any other reasonable cause it becomes necessary or advisable to postpone the commencement of or adjourn any inquiry or trial, the court may from time to time order a postponement or adjournment on such terms as it thinks fit, for such time as it considers reasonable, and may remand the accused, if in custody, or may commit him to custody or take bail in his own recognizance or with sureties for his appearance; and (2) that no Magistrate shall remand an accused person to custody under the said section for a term exceeding seven days at a time, save and except at such Police Courts as the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, shall from time to time proclaim to be Police Courts at which longer remands may be made, when it shall be lawful to remand accused persons at any such Police Courts for a term not exceeding fourteen days:

And whereas it is expedient to proclaim the Police Courts of Ratnapura and Rakwana to be Police Courts at which longer remands than seven days may be made:

Now know Ye that We, the Lieutenant-Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, do hereby proclaim that from and after the Twenty-second day of May, 1899, the Police Courts of Ratnapura and Rakwana shall be Police Courts at which longer remands than seven days may be made.

Given at Kandy, in the said Island of Ceylon, this Fifteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Ninety-nine.

By his Excellency's command,

W. T. TAYLOR,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

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And whereas it is expedient to proclaim the Police Court of Matara to be a Police Court at which longer remands than seven days may be made:

Now know Ye that We, the Lieutenant-Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, do hereby proclaim that from and after the Twentieth day of May, 1899, the Police Court of Matara shall be a Police Court at which longer remands than seven days may be made.

Given at Kandy, in the said Island of Ceylon, this Seventeenth day of May, in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Ninety-nine.

By His Excellency's command,

W. T. TAYLOR,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

APPOINTMENTS, &c., BY THE LIEUT.-GOVERNOR.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUT.-GOVERNOR has been pleased to appoint Mr. JOSEPH GRENIER to be Commissioner of Assize under section 24 of The Courts Ordinance, No. 1 of 1889, for the purpose of concluding the Criminal Sessions in the Southern Circuit now being held by Mr. Justice BROWNE.

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

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, May 16, 1899.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUT.-GOVERNOR has been pleased to make the following appointments:—

Mr. D. J. JAYATILLEKE to act as District Judge, Commissioner of Requests, and Police Magistrate, Ratnapura, and Visitor of the Ratnapura Prison, from the 22nd to 27th May, 1899, during the absence of Mr. J. O'KANE MURTY from the station, or until further orders.

Mr. F. H. DE VOS, Advocate, to act as District Judge and Additional Commissioner of Requests and Police Magistrate, Galle, and a Visitor of the Prison at Galle, for the 23rd May, 1899, during the absence on leave of Mr. F. J. DE LIVERA.

Mr. F. H. DE VOS to act as Commissioner of Requests and Police Magistrate, Galle, for the 24th and 25th May, 1899, during the absence of Mr. R. W. BYRDE from the station, or until further orders.

Mr. T. B. RUSSELL to be Additional District Judge, Batticaloa, for the 9th and 10th June, 1899.

Mr. B. O. DIAS to act as Commissioner of Requests and Police Magistrate, Panadure, and Additional Police Magistrate, Kalutara, for the 24th and 25th May, 1899, during the absence of Mr. P. E. PIERIS from the station.

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

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, May 18, 1899.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUT.-GOVERNOR has been pleased to appoint Mr. J. J. THORBURN to be one of the Managers of the Association of Public Officers of the Crown in Ceylon for purposes of Mutual Guarantee for the year ending 30th June, 1899, under rule 1 of the regulations approved by the Governor in Executive Council under section 2 of sub-section (b) of Ordinance No. 14 of 1890, *vice* Mr. H. L. CRAWFORD, who has been granted leave of absence to proceed to England.

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

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, May 10, 1899.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUT.-GOVERNOR has been pleased to appoint Mr. JAMES RYAN to be a Visitor of the Hospitals and Dispensaries in the Dimbula District.

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

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, May 15, 1899.

IT is hereby notified that Mr. J. KYLE, Junior, has been authorized to sign for the Resident Engineer, Colombo Harbour Works, from the 26th May to the 8th June, 1899, inclusive, during the absence of Mr. J. H. BOSTOCK on leave.

By H. E. the Lieut.-Governor's command,
W. T. TAYLOR,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, May 17, 1899.

WITH reference to the Notification of the 27th April, 1889, appearing in the *Gazette* of the 28th idem, it is hereby notified that HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUT.-GOVERNOR has been pleased to appoint Mr. GEORGE ERNEST DE SILVA GUNERATNA, and not Mr. E. A. GUNARATNA, to be an Inquirer for the Weligam korale of the Matara District.

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

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, May 17, 1899.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUT.-GOVERNOR has been pleased, under section 120 of "The Criminal Procedure Code, 1898," to appoint Mr. C. P. SAMARAKKODY to be an Inquirer for Siyane korale east, and Mr. BODIYABADUCE CHARLES PERERA GUNARATNA to be an Inquirer for the Rayigam korale of the Western Province.

The appointment of Mr. G. P. GUNARATNA as Inquirer for the last-named korale is hereby cancelled.

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

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, May 18, 1899.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUT.-GOVERNOR has been pleased, under section 120 of "The Criminal Procedure Code, 1898," to appoint the following persons to be Inquirers in the Eastern Province:—

For the Judicial Division of Batticaloa.

- Mr. K. J. Kathiremalai. ✓
- Mr. S. Manikapody.
- Mr. V. Sinnatamby.
- ✓ Mr. U. Meeralevvai.
- ✓ Mr. A. Canagasaby.
- ✓ Mr. S. Sinnatamby.
- ✓ Mr. K. Kandapody.

Mr. C. Kanapathypulle. ✓
Mr. J. S. Dissenayeke Muttu Banda. ✓
Mr. K. Vallipuram. ✓

For the Judicial Division of Trincomalee.

Mr. T. Muttukumaru. ✓
Mr. T. Turaiappah. ✓

By His Excellency's command,

W. T. TAYLOR,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, May 19, 1899.

APPOINTMENTS, &c., OF REGISTRARS.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUT.-GOVERNOR has been pleased to make the following appointments:—

✓ Mr. PONTIAN PIERIS, provisionally, to be Additional Registrar of Lands, Galle, from the 8th instant, during the absence of the Registrar, J. G. DE SILVA, on other duty.

✓ PALLIYEGURUGE DON ANDRIS DE SILVA to act, temporarily, as Registrar of Births and Deaths of Hinatigala division, in the Galle District of the Southern Province, with effect from the 26th April, 1898, *vice* DON DIONIS DE ALWIS SAMARESIGHE, suspended. His office to be at Hewagawatta in Liyanagoda.

✓ HARANKAHA VIDANELAGE UKKUHAMI to act as Registrar of Births and Deaths of Bulugahapitiya division, in the Ratnapura District of the Province of Sabaragamuwa, for six weeks from the 20th May, 1899, during the absence of the Registrar, HARANKAHA VIDANELAGE PERRIS APPUHAMI, on leave. His office to be at Kendan-gomuwa.

✓ KADIRATE GAMARALAGE APPUHAMI to act as Registrar of Births and Deaths of Kunchuttu korale division, and as Registrar of Marriages (Kandyan and General) of Hurulupalata division, in the Anuradhapura District of the North-Central Province, for six weeks from the 10th May, 1899, during the absence of the Registrar, W. UKKU BANDA, on leave. His office to be at Wattewewa.

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

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, May 17, 1899.

WITH reference to the *Gazette* notice dated the 13th April, 1899, it is hereby notified that the appointment of DON DANIEL JAYATILAKA is to take

effect from the 18th April, 1899, instead of 5th April, 1899, as therein notified.

By H. E. the Lieut.-Governor's command,
W. T. TAYLOR,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, May 17, 1899.

THE following appointments under the provisos of section 7 of the Ordinance No. 1 of 1895 and of section 7 of the Ordinance No. 2 of 1895 are hereby notified:—

The Provincial Registrar, Colombo, has appointed Miss ANNIE SYMONDS to act as Registrar of Births and Deaths of Locality No. 5 of the Colombo Municipality, consisting of the Kotahena Ward, in the Colombo District of the Western Province, on the 6th May, 1899, during the absence of the Registrar, Mr. W. A. DE SILVA, on duty. Her office will be at No. 28, Alutmawatta road.

The Provincial Registrar, Jaffna, has appointed SITTAMPALAM KANDAPPU to act as Registrar of Marriages of Vadamaradchi east division, in the Jaffna District of the Northern Province, for fourteen days from the 15th May, 1899, during the absence of the Registrar, V. SITTAMPALAM, on leave. His office will be at Kailanchiddi in Kuddattanal.

The Assistant Provincial Registrar, Mullaittivu, has appointed M. L. M. MIRASAIBU, Police Vidane of eastern division of Chinnacheddikulam west, to act as Registrar of Births and Deaths of Chinnacheddikulam west division, in the Mullaittivu District of the Northern Province, for fourteen days from the 1st May, 1899, *vice* A. MARISALPILLAI. His office will be at the Vedana Valavu in Chudaventapulavu.

P. ARUNACHALAM,
Registrar-General.

Registrar-General's Office,
Colombo, May 18, 1899.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATIONS.

IT is hereby notified that an examination under the regulations of 26th August, 1891, for gentlemen in the Civil Service, will be held in the Council Chamber on Monday, July 17, 1899, at 11 o'clock A.M., and following days, namely:—

Monday, July 17	...	...	..	Law
Tuesday, July 18	...	...	...	Law
Wednesday, July 19	...	...	...	Accounts
Thursday, July 20.	...	...	...	Sinhalese
Friday, July 21	...	...	...	Tamil

It is also hereby notified that the examination under the Minute of 12th December, 1898, and the *viva voce* examination in the native languages for officers in the Public Works Department will be held at the same time and place.

Only the Police Magistrates who are not members of the Bar or of the Civil Service and those candidates who have been specially nominated by the Governor will be admitted to the former examination.

Candidates are required to send in their names not later than 30th June, 1899.

Gentlemen in the Civil Service should state in their applications whether they are presenting themselves for the first or second examination, and whether they intend taking up Sinhalese or Tamil.

By His Excellency the Lieut.-Governor's command,

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, May 18, 1899.

W. T. TAYLOR,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

NOTICE is hereby given, as required by the provisions of the 19th clause of the Ordinance No. 2 of 1877, that it having been proved to the satisfaction of the Lieut.-Governor that Don Andris de Silva Madanayaka, Notary Public of the Galle District, is incapable of discharging his duties, His Excellency, with the advice of the Executive Council, has, in terms of the 18th clause of the Ordinance No. 2 of 1877, cancelled the warrant of the said Notary.

By His Excellency's command,

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, May 13, 1899.

W. T. TAYLOR,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

IT is hereby notified for general information that 161,647 acres of surveyed lands are available for sale in the under-mentioned Provinces:—

In the Western Province, 18,909 acres, situated in Siyane, Hewagam, Salpiti, and Alutkuru korales of the Colombo District, consisting of forest, chena, and jungle land.

In the Central Province, 2,841 acres, situated in the Kandy, Matale, and Nuwara Eliya Districts, and composed chiefly of jungle, chena, and patana lands.

In the Southern Province, 28,278 acres, situated in the Hambantota District, consisting of paddy fields, chena, jungle, and garden land.

In the Eastern Province, 38,260 acres, situated in the Batticaloa and Trincomalee Districts, consisting of garden lands, paddy lands, and jungle.

In the North-Central Province, 10,270 acres, distributed throughout the Province

In the Province of Uva, 13,936 acres, situated in the Yatikinda division, and consisting of patana, chena, and paddy fields.

In the Province of Sabaragamuwa, 49,153 acres, situated in the Ratnapura and Kegalla Districts, consisting of forest and chena lands.

By His Excellency the Governor's command,

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, July 9, 1898.

E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.

NOTICE is hereby given that a Board appointed by His Excellency the Lieut.-Governor will sit on the following day at the Council Chamber for the purpose of opening and considering tenders for the purchase of the following Arrack Rents for the periods as stated :—

May 30, 1899.

Western Province.—Negombo District, viz., Dunugaha, Ragama, and Dasiya pattus of Alutkuru korale north and Hapitigam korale. For a period of one or two years from January 1, 1900.

May 30, 1899.

Province of Uva.—For a period of one or two years from January 1, 1900.

No tender will be received after 12.30 P.M. on the appointed day.

Each tenderer should state in his tender the period or periods in respect of which he tenders and the price or prices that he is prepared to pay.

Separate tenders should be made for the several rents as shown above.

Tenders, properly sealed, may either be posted, addressed to "The Hon. Mr. W. T. Taylor, C.M.G., Acting Colonial Secretary," marked "Arrack Rent Tender," or delivered personally by the tenderer to the Board.

Forms of conditions of sale with lists of taverns can be obtained at any Kachcheri in the Island. Any further information required will be supplied by the Hon. the Government Agent, Western Province, on application made to him either personally or by letter.

Tenderers who cannot speak English and wish to communicate with the Board must bring their own interpreters.

No tender will be considered unless the tenderer is present in person or by his authorized agent at the Council Chamber, and is prepared to deposit forthwith the amount of one month's rent as tendered by him.

Various alterations have been introduced in the new conditions of sale, and intending purchasers are advised to obtain copies before putting in their tenders.

Purchasers of these rents will be allowed to sell arrack at any price not below Rs. 4.50 per gallon.

Forms of tender can be obtained free of charge on application personally or by letter to the Government Agent, Colombo.

By His Excellency's command,

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, May 12, 1899.

W. T. TAYLOR,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

LICENSES have been issued to the following persons under Ordinance No. 15 of 1889 to carry on business as auctioneers within the Kandy Municipality during 1899 :—

M. A. GONSALVIS.
CHARLES L. GREBE.
CECIL E. SCHOKMAN.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, May 19, 1899.

W. T. TAYLOR,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

RS. 250 reward will be paid to any person or persons who will within one month from this date hand over to the Police Magistrate, Hatton-Gampola, the waist chain, rings, earrings, or the turban and coat of Sappani Kangany, whose body was found in the Mahaweli-ganga on February 1, 1899, with a true account how such person or persons came into possession of the articles.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, May 19, 1899.

W. T. TAYLOR,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

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H. WHITE,
December, 1898. Government Recordkeeper.

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Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, February 18, 1898.

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G. J. A. SKEEN,
Government Printer.

Return of Immigrants and Emigrants for the Week ended May 17, 1899.

	Men.	Women.	Children.	Infants.	Total.
Immigrants:—					
Estate Coolies	235	60	22	24	341
Colombo Coolies	194	32	13	6	245
Emigrants:—					
All classes	1,236	412	152	53	1,853

* Of these, 830 were estate coolies.

J. DONNAN,
Master Attendant.

Statement of Arrivals and Departures of Coolies during the Month of April, 1899.

	Arrivals.	Departures.	Total for Four Months.	
			Arrivals.	Departures.
Colombo.				
Men ...	4,164	4,855	13,880	22,045
Women ...	467	1,558	1,380	5,481
Children ...	271	450	897	1,659
Negombo.				
Men ...	44	140	198	268
Women ...	6	—	23	64
Children ...	3	—	10	5
Vankalai.				
Men ...	72	—	72	19
Women ...	34	—	34	4
Children ...	18	—	18	2
	5,079	7,003	16,512	29,547

H. M. Customs,
Colombo, May 12, 1899.

H. L. MOYSEY,
Principal Collector.

IT is hereby notified for general information that in future a local fee of Rs. 5 will be levied on all candidates seeking admission to the Intermediate Examination in Arts of the University of London, to meet the cost of arranging for the conduct of the *vivâ voce* part of the examination in modern languages.

J. HARWARD,
Acting Director.

Office of the Director of Public Instruction,
Colombo, May 17, 1899.

NOTICE is hereby given that an application has been received from the Very Rev. J. Cooreman for a grant in aid of his Tumbagoda Boys' English School. Tumbagoda is near Balangoda, in the Province of Sabaragamuwa.

Observations will be received not later than June 5, 1899.

J. HARWARD,
Acting Director.

Office of the Director of Public Instruction,
Colombo, May 15, 1899.

NOTICE is hereby given that an application has been received from the Rev. J. G. Garrett for a grant in aid of his Kadugannawa Girls' English School.

Observations will be received not later than June 5, 1899.

J. HARWARD,
Acting Director.

Office of the Director of Public Instruction,
Colombo, May 16, 1899.

IT is hereby notified that the under-mentioned person has been licensed during the month of April, 1899, under clause 9 of Ordinance No. 15 of 1889:—

No.

209 Appacutty Rajakariar, Surveyor and Leveller,
Jaffna.

Surveyor-General's Office,
Colombo, May 16, 1899.

P. D. WARREN,
for Surveyor-General.

POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS will be opened at the under-mentioned offices on the 1st proximo:—

Akkarapattu, in Eastern Province.
Demodara, in Province of Uva.

J. D. MASON,
Acting Postmaster-General and
Director of Telegraphs.

Postmaster-General's Office,
Colombo, May 17, 1899.

NOTICES CALLING FOR TENDERS.

SEALED Tenders, marked on the envelopes "Tender for the Conveyance of Mails," will be received at the Postmaster-General's Office up to 12 o'clock noon on Monday, June 5, 1899, for a period of four years from July 1, 1899, to June 30, 1903:—

For the conveyance of mails by steamer or other boat between the Colombo jetty and mail steamers (except those of the P. & O., M. M., and Orient Companies) on their arrival in or for their departure from the Colombo Harbour.

The tenders must be made in duplicate, the original is to be forwarded by the tenderers direct to the Postmaster-General, while the duplicate shall be sent on the same day to the Hon. the Auditor-General.

The tenders must be made upon forms which will be supplied on application to the Postmaster-General, and no tender will be considered unless it is furnished on the recognized form.

Any alterations in a tender must bear the initials of the tenderer or tenderers, otherwise it will be rejected.

A deposit of Rs. 100 will be required before any form of tender is issued, and should any person decline to enter into the contract and bond after he has tendered, or fail to furnish approved security, such deposit will be forfeited to the Crown. All other deposits will be returned upon signature of the contract.

Security to the amount of Rs. 500 will be required. From this sum the Postmaster-General will meet the cost

of carrying on the service when he may deem it to be necessary to incur expenditure on account of the contractor's failure to comply with the conditions of the contract. Security must be completed by June 30, 1899, deposit of the above amount in cash.

The contractor will be liable to a fine not exceeding Rs. 10 a day for using or allowing to be used for the service under this contract a boat which has been condemned by the Postmaster-General or any of his Assistants, or by any other competent officer.

The hours of arrival and departure of the boats to be according to the arrival or departure of mail steamers.

Extra boats must be supplied at all times when required, without any charge.

Fines will be imposed by the Postmaster-General for all delays and irregularities.

The Government reserves to itself the right of rejecting, without question, any tender or any portion of a tender.

In case of repeated delays or irregularities the contract will be cancelled.

Further particulars can be obtained on application at the Postmaster-General's Office, Colombo.

By order,

J. J. THORBURN,
Assistant Postmaster-General.

Postmaster-General's Office,
Colombo, May 9, 1899.

SALES OF UNSERVICEABLE ARTICLES.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned unclaimed articles lying at the Police Court of Batticaloa will be sold by public auction on Saturday, May 27, 1899, at 1 P.M., at the Police Court, Batticaloa:—

1 clasp knife
1 coyta
1 knife
1 clasp knife
1 knife
1 clasp knife
1 do.
3 bags
1 adze
1 coyta
1 pillow
1 clasp knife
1 taila box

Some stained clothes
1 vetti cloth
1 handkerchief
1 broken gun
1 walking-stick
1 clasp knife
1 katti
10 jakwood planks
1 deer skin
1 elk skin
1 small knife
1 clay pipe
1 small piece of Cavendish

2 small tins
1 katti
1 gold ear ornament
1 clasp knife
1 curved knife
1 fishing line
1 clasp knife
1 manvatty
1 knife
1 chisel
1 grass bag
1 katti
1 spoon
1 umbrella
1 saron cloth

1 clasp knife
1 bundle of tobacco
1 knife
2 silver rings
2 silver earrings
1 silver case
1 silver waist-string
1 hammer
1 katti
1 brass basin
7 plates
1 brass betel stand
1 cap gun
1 katti

ALLAN BEVEN,
Police Magistrate.

Batticaloa, May 12, 1899.

RETURN OF RAINFALL FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 1899.

PROVINCE.	STATION.	Height above Mean Sea Level, in Feet.	Total Rainfall during the Month, in Inches.	Greatest Quantity in any 24 Hours, in Inches.	Date on which the Greatest Quantity Fell.	No. of Days on which Rainfall was Registered.	Direction of Wind.	REMARKS.	
Western	Negombo	6	12.18	2.40	13-14	17	N.W.	Mr. Bucknall	
	Kalutara	36	13.43	4.93	6-7	15	N.W.	Mr. Gregson	
	Labugama	369	19.54	4.86	14-15	22	S.W.	Mr. Bartholomew	
Central	Henaratgoda	33	12.48	2.70	14-15	19	S.W.	Mr. Silva	
	Katugastota	1,500	—	—	—	—	—	Not received	
	New Valley (Dikoya)	3,708	22.80	3.78	13-14	20	N.E.	Mr. Ward	
	Helboda (Pussellawa)	3,300	11.69	2.86	12-13	20	N.E.	Mr. Gosset	
	Yarrow Estate	3,400	19.04	3.45	8-9	22	—	Mr. Padwick	
	Peradeniya	1,540	18.40	2.91	3-4	23	N.E.	Mr. MacMillan	
	Duckwari	3,300	22.67	3.20	5-6	21	N.E.toS.W.	Mr. Spence	
	Caledonia	4,273	—	—	—	—	—	Not received	
	Pussellawa	3,000	17.07	2.55	7-8	18	N.E.	Mr. Powell	
	Hakgala	5,581	12.00	1.76	15-16	21	Variable	Mr. Noek	
	S. Wanarajah Estate	3,700	15.01	2.02	13-14	22	Variable	Mr. Tatham	
	Northern	St. Andrew's (Maskeliya)	4,200	—	—	—	—	—	Not received
Padupola		1,636	13.49	2.40	12-13	21	N.E.	Mr. Ward	
Mylapitiya		1,707	—	—	—	—	—	Not received	
Mullaittivu		12	5.95	1.50	13-14	10	N.E.	Mr. Sanmukam	
Jaffna		8	5.65	1.43	11-12	13	Variable	Mr. MacDonnell	
Mankulam (N. Road)		167	3.79	1.12	14-15	11	Variable	Mr. Walker	
Elephant Pass		7	5.45	1.20	12-13	7	N.	Mr. Kretser	
Vangalachettykulam		179	18.46	3.32	12-13	11	N.E.	Mr. Walker	
Point Pedro		24	—	—	—	—	—	Not received	
Jaffna College		9	9.30	2.57	17-18	10	S.E.	Mr. Cooke	
Kayts		8	9.19	5.80	17-18	10	Variable	Mr. Wouters	
Southern		Kankasanturai	10	4.73	1.95	13-14	7	N.E.	Mr. Adams
	Pallai	24	6.73	2.30	13-14	8	S.W.	Mr. Kretser	
	Murikandy (N.-C. Road)	—	0.35	0.04	18-19	14	N.E.	Mr. Kretser	
	Nedunkeni	122	16.55	6.13	11-12	9	N.E.	Mr. Sanmukam	
	Chavakachcheri	16	2.69	1.02	11-12	10	Variable	Mr. Kretser	
	Udupiddi	35	4.62	1.50	17-18	8	Variable	Mr. Hastings	
	Marichchukaddi	14	4.35	0.50	1-2	14	S.W.	Mr. Thamotheerampillay	
	Murungan	—	5.98	1.62	9-10	14	N.E.	Mr. Chapman	
	Vavuniya	318	8.70	1.70	26-27	18	Variable	Mr. Walker	
	Ella Vella	262	9.32	1.80	14-15	15	W.	Mr. Smith	
	Kekanadura	150	2.29	0.88	10-11	6	N.E.	Mr. Smith	
	Eastern	Denegama	286	5.74	1.73	5-6	7	S.W.	Mr. Smith
Udukiriwila		235	—	—	—	—	—	Not received	
Kirama		260	4.24	2.47	11-12	12	N.E.	Mr. Ismail	
Hali-ela		200	5.98	2.15	13-14	7	N.E.	Mr. Smith	
Tissamaharama		75	—	—	—	—	—	Not received	
Matara		15	6.32	2.03	9-10	15	N.E.	Mr. Smith	
Dandeniya		157	8.16	2.36	16-17	18	W.	Mr. Smith	
Urubokka		890	8.67	3.03	6-7	16	N.E.	Mr. Smith	
Elagala		121	—	—	—	—	—	Not received	
Tangalla		94	1.60	0.50	6-7	5	S.W.	Mr. Bartlett	
Mamadola		56	9.00	2.32	15-16	9	S.W.	Mr. Ebert	
North-Western		Irrakkamam	42	—	—	—	—	—	Not received
	Devilana	136	5.33	1.88	11-12	4	E.	Mr. Vanderstraaten	
	Sagamata	40	—	—	—	—	—	Not received	
	Ambare	65	—	—	—	—	—	Not received	
	Kanthalai	150	2.13	0.74	25-26	7	N.E.	Mr. Carte	
	Allai	95	6.50	1.90	14-15	5	N.E.	Mr. Carte	
	Rukam	120	0.45	0.20	14-15	3	Variable	Mr. Vanderstraaten	
	Periyakulam	20	2.09	1.40	16-17	6	Variable	Mr. Carte	
	Chadaiyantala	57	2.38	0.42	2-3	10	Variable	Mr. Edge	
	Kalmunai	12	1.99	1.10	6-7	4	E.	Mr. Edge	
	Rotawewa	30	2.86	1.10	16-17	6	Variable	Mr. Edge	
	North-Central	Lahugala	70	5.00	2.00	14-15	8	S.	Mr. Edge
Naulla		30	5.00	3.50	12-13	4	S.	Mr. Edge	
Andankulam		41	1.99	1.32	16-17	6	Variable	Mr. Carte	
Manalpuddi		21	0.60	0.60	11-12	1	E.	Mr. Vanderstraaten	
Maha-oya tank		190	9.95	2.20	14-15	15	Variable	Mr. Vanderstraaten	
Magalawewa		176	12.65	3.25	8-9	15	S.	Mr. Sooprayan	
Maha Uswewa tank		160	13.16	2.94	9-10	19	S.W.	Mr. Crabb	
Tenepitiya		8	8.86	1.80	13-14	14	N.E.	Mr. Simmons	
Batalagoda		—	16.47	2.95	7-8	19	S.E.	Mr. Parker	
Kalawewa		268	—	—	—	—	—	Not received	
Maradankadawala		443	15.49	2.92	10-11	14	W. to E.	Mr. Carson	
Uva		Mihintale	354	13.33	3.20	10-11	15	N.E.	Mr. Silva
	Horowapotana	217	6.55	1.50	10-11	9	N.E.	Mr. Silva	
	Madawachchiya	285	13.24	1.82	22-23	20	S.W.	Mr. Silva	
	Topare	200	6.61	2.00	11-12	5	S.W.	Mr. Jayawardana	
	Bandarawela	4,380	13.96	2.50	14-15	20	N.E.	Mr. Tocke	
	Haldummulla	3,160	36.25	3.85	14-15	21	N.E.	Mr. Viramuttu	
	Kumbukan	446	11.18	2.96	12-13	15	S.E.	Mr. Emerson	
	Koslada	2,258	19.58	3.80	3-4	22	N.E.	Mr. Emerson	
	Tanamalwila	550	13.43	3.35	12-13	14	S.W.	Mr. Fernando	
	Ambanpitiya	729	20.65	3.59	2-3	22	S.W.	Mr. Caldicott	
	Sabaragamuwa	Pelmadulla	408	8.18	2.40	12-13	9	—	Mr. Clarke
		Kolonna korale (Hulanda-oya)	203	—	—	—	—	—	Not received
Avisawella	105	20.15	4.00	4-5	18	S.W.	Mr. Jeffery		

Public Works Department,
Colombo, May 13, 1899.F. W. JOHNSON,
for Director of Public Works.