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PROCLAMATIONS BY THE GOVERNOR.

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

PROCLAMATION.

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

WEST RIDGEWAY.

WHEREAS by the 25th and 26th sections of "The Irrigation and Paddy Cultivation Ordinance, 1889," it is amongst other things enacted that all rules for the enforcement of ancient customs regarding the irrigation and cultivation of paddy lands within any district in the Island framed under the provisions of section 13 or section 16 of the said Ordinance, shall, when completed, be transmitted by the Government Agent to the Governor for the approval or disallowance thereof by the said Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council; and that in case such rules shall be approved, notice of such approval shall be given by Proclamation, and the said rules shall be published in the *Government Gazette*, and in the district in such manner as to the Government Agent shall seem expedient; and shall thereupon become binding upon all proprietors within the said district, and shall be as legal, valid, and effectual as if the same had been inserted in the said Ordinance:

And whereas it is expedient that the following rules, which have been transmitted by the Government Agent of the Southern Province and approved by the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, should be brought into operation in the East Giruwa pattu of the District of Hambantota, in the Southern Province.

Now know Ye that We, the said Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, do, by virtue of the powers in Us vested as aforesaid, proclaim that the said rules relating to the extension

of paddy cultivation, the irrigation and cultivation of paddy lands, and maintenance of water-rights in the East Giruwa pattu of the District of Hambantota, in the Southern Province, have been approved by Us, the said Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council.

Given at Colombo, in the said Island of Ceylon, this Twentieth day of April, in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Ninety-eight.

By His Excellency's command,

E. NOEL WALKER
Colonial Secretary

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

RULES FRAMED UNDER CLAUSE 13 OF ORDINANCE NO. 23 OF 1889
FOR LANDS UNDER THE WALAWE CHANNELS.

- (1) Cultivation shall be for maha and yala. Cultivation for maha shall commence on 1st October and end on 30th November. Cultivation for yala shall commence on 1st April and end on 30th April.
- (2) No water shall be issued from 1st August to 1st October, and the annual clearing of the principal channels shall be carried out by the guardian during this period.
- (3) The subsidiary channels shall be maintained in good order by the proprietors whose lands are irrigated from them, and it shall be the duty of such proprietors to keep them at all times free from growth and obstructions.
- (4) Every proprietor shall construct a channel of sufficient capacity to lead the water from the Government channels through his own land to that of his neighbour adjoining, the course of such channels being determined by the Pattu Mudaliyar.
- (5) Water shall be issued to the various tracts of fields by the guardian upon requisition from the Pattu Mudaliyar, subject to the orders of the Assistant Government Agent.
- (6) The distribution of water amongst the cultivators of each tract shall be regulated by the duly elected irrigation headmen.
- (7) Seven days before the commencement of cultivation for each harvest, it shall be the duty of cattle owners to construct pounds and to confine cattle used for ploughing, mudding, or other agricultural purposes. All cattle not so used shall be removed to grazing grounds at least one mile from the cultivated fields, and shall not be permitted to return until after all the crops are harvested. Any cattle not so removed must be tethered.
- (8) No person shall interfere with the flow of water in the Government channels under any pretext whatsoever, or in the subsidiary channels without the permission of the irrigation headmen.
- (9) The cultivators shall put up fences and watch-huts for the protection of the fields, according to the orders of the irrigation headmen, in proportion to the extent of the land cultivated by them; and such fences and huts shall be maintained in good order by the said cultivators until the close of the harvest in that tract of fields. Even though any field in the tract is not cultivated, it shall be the duty of the proprietor to do his share of fencing and putting up watch-huts. In default the work shall be carried out by the irrigation headman, and the cost recovered from the defaulter.
- (10) It shall be the duty of the duly elected irrigation headmen to enforce these rules, and they shall be entitled to recover from each proprietor a fee of three kurunies of paddy for each amunam's extent sown for each harvest.

APPOINTMENTS, &c., BY THE GOVERNOR.

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

Mr. F. H. PRICE to the office of Government Agent and Fiscal for the Province of Sabaragamuwa, Additional District Judge, Ratnapura, Superintendent of the Prison at Ratnapura, and a Visitor of the Post Offices in the Province of Sabaragamuwa, Member of the Board of Health under section 2 of Ordinance No. 8 of 1866, and Local Authority under Ordinance No. 6 of 1887, for the Province of Sabaragamuwa.

Mr. W. E. DAVIDSON to be Chairman, Municipal Council, Colombo, and Mayor of the City of Colombo, and Local Authority under the Petroleum Ordinance No. 6 of 1887, within the limits of the Colombo Municipality, from the 18th instant, or until further orders, *vice* Mr. F. H. PRICE, resigned.

Mr. LOUIS PHILIP VAN HEER, Sub-Collector of Customs, Batticaloa, to be Assistant Master Attendant, Batticaloa, in addition to his own duties.

Mr. G. S. GOODMAN, District Engineer, Matale, to be an Inspector of Coaches for the Matale District, *vice* Mr. CALDECOTT, who has left the District.

Mr. J. S. DRIEBERG to the office of Deputy Fiscal, Colombo, and Assistant Superintendent, Hulftsdorp Jail.

By His Excellency's command,

E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, April 22, 1898.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR has been pleased to appoint Mr. ARTHUR JOHN IMRAY to be a Justice of the Peace for the District of Ratnapura.

By His Excellency's command,

E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, April 20, 1898.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR has been pleased to appoint Mr. **ARTHUR JOHN IMRAY** to be an Unofficial Police Magistrate for the Judicial Division of Ratnapura.

By His Excellency's command,

E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, April 20, 1898.

IT is hereby notified that Mr. **A. D. PROUSE** has been authorized to sign for the Resident Engineer, Colombo Harbour Works, from the 4th to the 12th May, 1898, both days inclusive,

during the absence of Mr. **BOSTOCK**, or until further orders.

By His Excellency's command,
E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, April 22, 1898.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR has been pleased to recognise Mr. **ALBERT SCHWARTZ** as Acting Consul for Denmark at Colombo.

By His Excellency's command,
E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, April 21, 1898.

APPOINTMENTS, &c., OF REGISTRARS.

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

DINGIRI BANDA GIRATALANE to act as Registrar of Births and Deaths and of Marriages (under the Ordinance No. 3 of 1870) of Magul Medagandabe korale, and Registrar of Marriages (under the Ordinance No. 2 of 1895) of Wannu Hatpattu division, in the Kurunegala District of the North-Western Province, for four weeks and two days from the 20th instant, during the absence of Registrar **H. MUDIYANSE** on leave. The Acting Registrar's office to be at Wewapaula Gedarawatta in Hula.

WALKATURA MUDIYANSELAGE PUNCHI BANDA, Gan Arachchi of Godiganuwa, to be Registrar of Births and Deaths and of Marriages (under the Ordinance No. 3 of 1870) of Mawata pattuwa division in Paranakuru korale, in the District of Kegalla of the Province of Sabaragamuwa, with effect from the 1st April, 1898, *vice* **UDATTAWE HITI BANDARALAGE PUNCHI BANDA**, resigned. His office to be at Pallehawalawwewatta in Meedeniya.

By His Excellency's command,

E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, April 19, 1898.

IT is hereby notified that the Provincial Registrar Colombo, has, under the proviso of section 7 of the Ordinance No. 1 of 1895 and of section 7 of the Ordinance No. 2 of 1895, appointed **DON CAROLIS SIRIWARDENA**, Vidane Arachchi, to act as Registrar of Births and Deaths of Oyaboda, and as Registrar of Marriages of Meda pattu in Siyane korale west, for fourteen days from the 13th instant, during the absence of **EDIRISURI-**

MUDALIGE DON PAULIS SIRIWARDENA on leave. His office to be at Nugagahawatta in Kalagedihena.

P. ARUNACHALAM,
Registrar-General.
Registrar-General's Office,
Colombo, April 19, 1898.

IT is hereby notified that the Provincial Registrar, Colombo, has, under the proviso of section 7 of the Ordinance No. 1 of 1895 and of section 7 of the Ordinance No. 2 of 1895, appointed **DON ELIAS RUBERU JAYATUNGA** to act as Registrar of Births and Deaths of Egodapota, and as Registrar of Marriages of Udagaha pattu in Siyane korale east, in the Colombo District of the Western Province, for fourteen days from the 14th instant, *vice* **BALASURIGE DON SUBATERIS** on leave. His office to be at Ambagahakumburewatta in Kongahadeniya.

P. ARUNACHALAM,
Registrar-General.
Registrar-General's Office,
Colombo, April 20, 1898.

IT is hereby notified that the Provincial Registrar, Ratnapura, has, under the proviso of section 7 of the Ordinance No. 1 of 1895 and of section 7 of the Ordinance No. 2 of 1895, appointed **JAYASINHA MUDIYANSELAGE PUNCHI BANDA** to act as Registrar of Births and Deaths of Bibilegama division, and as Registrar of Marriages (General) of Atakalan korale, in the Ratnapura District of the Province of Sabaragamuwa, for eight days from the 16th instant, *vice* **JAYASUNDERA MUDIYANSELAGE LOKU BANDA** on leave. His office to be at Bibilegama.

P. ARUNACHALAM,
Registrar-General.
Registrar-General's Office,
Colombo, March 21, 1898.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATIONS.

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

Mr. W. E. DAVIDSON.

By His Excellency the Governor's command,

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, April 19, 1898.

E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.

IT is hereby notified that the name of the under-mentioned officer has been included in Schedule B of the Amended Franking Minute, dated June 6, 1895 :—

The Assistant Superintendent of Hulftsdorp Jail.

By His Excellency the Governor's command,

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, March 23, 1898.

E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.

THE following copy of an Order of Her Majesty the Queen in Council, applying section 238 of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1894," respecting the arrest of seamen deserters in the case of Japan, is hereby published for general information.

By His Excellency's command,

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, April 15, 1898.

E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.

At the Court at Osborne House, Isle of Wight, the 3rd day of February, 1898.

Present :—The QUEENS MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY in Council.

WHEREAS by sub-section (1) of section 238 of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1894," it is provided that, where it appears to Her Majesty that due facilities are or will be given by the Government of any foreign country for recovering and apprehending seamen who desert from British merchant-ships in that country, Her Majesty may by Order in Council, stating that such facilities are or will be given, declare that that section shall apply in the case of such foreign country, subject to any limitations, conditions, and qualifications contained in the Order :

And whereas it appears to Her Majesty that due facilities are given by the Government of Japan for recovering and apprehending seamen who desert from British merchant-ships in that country :

Now therefore Her Majesty, by virtue of the power vested in Her by the herein-before recited sub-section (1) of section 238 of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1894," and by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, is pleased to order and declare, and it is hereby ordered and declared, that the said section 238 of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1894," shall apply in the case of Japan.

And whereas the immediate operation of this Order is urgent ; this Order shall come into operation forthwith, and shall be a *Provisional* Order within the meaning of "The Rules Publication Act, 1893 ":

And the Secretary of State for the Home Department, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and the Secretary of State for India in Council, are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

C. L. PEEL.

NOTICE is hereby given that a Board appointed by His Excellency the Governor will sit on the following days 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 :—

April 28, 1898.

Western Province.—The Arrack Rent of the Four Gravets of Colombo (Fort excepted), Lansiyawatta (including Wattala, Peliyagodda, and Ambatalenpahala), and Salpiti korale. For a period of two years from January 1, 1899.

April 28, 1898.

North-Western Province.—The Seven Korales. The District of Puttalam. The District of Chilaw. For a period of six months, eighteen months, or thirty months from July 1, 1898.

April 29, 1898.

Southern Province.—The Four Gravets of Galle and Akmimana. Talpe pattu, Wellaboda, Gangaboda, and Hinidum pattus. Bentota-Walallawiti korale. For a period of six months, eighteen months, or thirty months from July 1, 1898.

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., Auditor-General, 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.

And notice is hereby further given that the purchasers of the Arrack Rents of the Four Gravets of Colombo (Fort excepted) and of the Four Gravets of Galle will be required to pay, in terms of the provisions of the Ordinance No. 9 of 1892, a stamp duty of Rs. 500 for each and every license issued under the Ordinance No. 13 of 1891 to sell arrack by retail at each and every tavern situated within the limits of the Municipalities of Colombo and of Galle.

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, April 6, 1898.

E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.

IT is hereby notified for general information that 115,182 acres of surveyed lands are available for sale in the under-mentioned Provinces:—

In the Western Province, 11,953 acres, in lots varying in extent from 3 acres to 2,115 acres, situated chiefly in the Hewagam and Siyane korales of the Colombo District and Pasdun korale east and west and Rayigam korale of the Kalutara District, consisting of forest, chena, and jungle land.

In the Central Province, 1,702 acres, in lots varying in extent from 1 acre to 84 acres, situated in the Kandy and Matale Districts, and composed chiefly of jungle, chena, and patana lands.

In the Southern Province, 18,758 acres, in lots varying in extent from 31 perches to 90 acres, situated in the Hambantota District, consisting of paddy fields, chena, garden, and jungle land.

In the Eastern Province, 9,406 acres, in lots varying in extent from 93 perches to 554 acres, situated in the Trincomalee District, consisting of garden lands and paddy lands.

In the North-Central Province, 10,270 acres, in lots varying in extent from 3 perches to 180 acres, distributed throughout the Province.

In the Province of Uva, 13,936 acres, in lots varying in extent from 8 perches to 96 acres, situated in the Yatikinda division, and consisting of patana, chena, and paddy fields.

In the Province of Sabaragamuwa, 49,153 acres, in lots varying in extent from 13 perches to 5 acres, situated in the Ratnapura and Kegalla Districts, consisting of forest and chena land.

Further particulars regarding these lands can be obtained on application to the Government Agents of the respective Provinces.

By His Excellency the Governor's command,

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, August 20, 1897.

E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.

IN continuation of *Gazette* notice dated August 20, 1897, it is hereby notified for general information that 7,333 acres of surveyed lands are available for sale in the under-mentioned Provinces:—

In the Northern Province, 6,417 acres, in lots varying in extent from 3 perches to 560 acres, situated chiefly in the Jaffna, Mullaitivu, and Mannar Districts, consisting of waste and scrub jungle suitable for chena, tobacco, palmira, coconut, and paddy cultivation.

In the Central Province, 916 acres, in lots varying in extent from 5 perches to 253 acres, situated in the Walapane and Kotmale divisions of the Nuwara Eliya District.

Further particulars regarding these lands can be obtained on application to the Government Agents of the respective Provinces.

By His Excellency the Governor's command,

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, October 15, 1897.

E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.

IN continuation of *Gazette* notice dated October 15, 1897, it is hereby notified for general information that 22,996 acres of surveyed lands are available for sale in the Southern Province, in lots varying in extent from 1 perch to 244 acres, situated in the Hinidum pattu, Wellaboda pattu, Bentota-Walallawiti korale, Talpe pattu, Four Gravets, and Gangaboda pattu, of the Galle and Matara Districts.

By His Excellency the Governor's command,

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, December 10, 1897.

E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.

IN continuation of *Gazette* notice dated October 15, 1897, it is hereby notified for general information that 3,074 acres of surveyed lands are available for sale in the Sinhalese and Tamil divisions of the Vavuniya District, Northern Province, in lots varying in extent from 1 perch to 82 acres consisting of waste, garden, and paddy lands.

Further particulars regarding these lands can be obtained on application to the Government Agent.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo January 19, 1898.

By His Excellency the Governor's command,

E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.

IT is hereby notified for general information that 56,499 acres of surveyed land and 366,459 acres of unsurveyed land, believed to be suitable for cocconut cultivation, are available for sale in the under-mentioned Provinces:—

Western Province: 5,500 acres of surveyed land and 4,000 acres of unsurveyed land, distributed in the Negombo District and in the Hewagam, Siyane, and Rayigam korales.

Central Province: 6,669 acres of surveyed land and 16,415 acres of unsurveyed land, distributed in the Kandy, Nuwara Eliya, and Matale Districts.

Northern Province: 131 acres of surveyed land and 15,024 acres of unsurveyed land, distributed in the Jaffna, Mannar, Vavuniya, and Mullaittivu Districts.

Southern Province: 17,000 acres of surveyed land and 15,200 acres of unsurveyed land, distributed in the Galle, Matara, and Hambantota Districts.

Eastern Province: 14,650 acres of surveyed land and 3,500 acres of unsurveyed land in the Batticaloa and Trincomalee Districts.

North-Western Province: several thousands of acres of surveyed land and 280,000 acres of unsurveyed land, distributed in the several districts.

North-Central Province: 100 acres of surveyed land and 10,000 acres of unsurveyed land.

Province of Uva: a few lands surveyed and unsurveyed are available outside Kandukara korale.

Province of Sabaragamuwa: 12,448 acres of surveyed land and 22,319 acres of unsurveyed land, distributed in the Ratnapura and Kegalla Districts.

By His Excellency the Governor's command,

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, February 1, 1898.

E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.

THE following copy of a Treaty between Great Britain and Ethiopia, signed on the 14th May, 1897, and ratified by Her Majesty the Queen on the 28th July, 1897, received from the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies, is hereby published for general information.

By His Excellency the Governor's command,

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, April 15, 1898.

E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.

Treaty between Great Britain and Ethiopia.

Signed by the Emperor Menelek II., and by Her Majesty's Envoy, at Adis Abbaba, May 14, 1897.

(Ratified by the Queen, July 28, 1897.)

[English version.*]

HER Majesty Victoria, by the grace of God, Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India, and His Majesty Menelek II., by the grace of God, King of Kings of Ethiopia, being desirous of strengthening and rendering more effective and profitable the ancient friendship which has existed between their respective kingdoms:

Her Majesty Queen Victoria having appointed as her Special Envoy and Representative to His Majesty the Emperor Menelek II., James Rennell Rodd, Esq., Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, whose full powers have been found in due and proper form, and His Majesty the Emperor Menelek, negotiating in his own name as King of Kings of Ethiopia, they have agreed upon and do conclude the following Articles, which shall be binding on themselves, their heirs, and successors:—

ARTICLE I.

The subjects of or persons protected by each of the Contracting Parties shall have full liberty to come and go and engage in commerce in the territories of the other, enjoying the protection of the Government within whose jurisdiction they are; but it is forbidden for armed bands from either side to cross the frontier of the other on any pretext whatever without previous authorization from the competent authorities.

ARTICLE II.

The frontiers of the British Protectorate on the Somali Coast recognized by the Emperor Menelek shall be determined subsequently by exchange of notes between James Rennell Rodd, Esq., as Representative of her Majesty the Queen, and Ras Maconen, as Representative of His Majesty the Emperor Menelek, at Harrar. These notes shall be annexed to the present Treaty, of which they will form an integral part, so soon as they have received the approval of the High Contracting Parties, pending which the *status quo* shall be maintained.

* The Amharic version signed by King Menelek appeared in the left column of the original Treaty.

ARTICLE III.

The caravan route between Zeyla and Harrar by way of Gildessa shall remain open throughout its whole extent to the commerce of both nations.

ARTICLE IV.

His Majesty the Emperor of Ethiopia, on the one hand, accords to Great Britain and her Colonies, in respect of import duties and local taxation, every advantage which he may accord to the subjects of other nations.

On the other hand, all material destined exclusively for the service of the Ethiopian State shall, on application from His Majesty the Emperor, be allowed to pass through the port of Zeyla into Ethiopia free of duty.

ARTICLE V.

The transit of firearms and ammunition destined for His Majesty the Emperor of Ethiopia through the territories depending on the Government of Her Britannic Majesty is authorized, subject to the conditions prescribed by the General Act of the Brussels Conference, signed the 2nd July, 1890.

ARTICLE VI.

His Majesty the Emperor Menelek II., King of Kings of Ethiopia, engages himself towards the Government of Her Britannic Majesty to do all in his power to prevent the passage through his dominions of arms and ammunition to the Mahdists, whom he declares to be the enemies of his Empire.

The present Treaty shall come into force as soon as its ratification by Her Britannic Majesty shall have been notified to the Emperor of Ethiopia, but it is understood that the prescriptions of Article VI. shall be put into force from the date of its signature.

In faith of which His Majesty Menelek II., King of Kings of Ethiopia, in his own name, and James Rennell Rodd, Esq., on behalf of Her Majesty Victoria, Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India, have signed the present Treaty, in duplicate, written in the English and Amharic languages identically, both texts being considered as official, and have thereto affixed their seals.

Done at Adis Abbaba the 14th day of May, 1897.

(L.S.) JAMES RENNELL RODD.

(Seal of His Majesty the Emperor Menelek II.)

Annexes to Treaty signed at Adis Abbaba on the 14th May, 1897, by His Majesty the Emperor Menelek and by Mr. James Rennell Rodd.

Annex 1.

Mr. Rodd to the Emperor Menelek.

Adis Abbaba, May 14, 1897.

YOUR MAJESTY,—WITH reference to Article II. of the Treaty which we are to sign to-day, I am instructed by my Government, in the event of a possible occupation by Ethiopia of territories inhabited by tribes who have formerly accepted and enjoyed British protection in the districts excluded from the limits of the British Protectorate on the Somali Coast, as recognized by your Majesty, to bring to your knowledge the desire of Her Majesty the Queen to receive from your Majesty an assurance that it will be your special care that these tribes receive equitable treatment, and are thus no losers by this transfer of suzerainty.

In expressing the hope that your Majesty will enable me to give this assurance, I have, &c.,

RENNELL RODD.

(Translation.)

The Emperor Menelek to Mr. Rodd.

The Conquering Lion of the Tribe of Judah, Menelek II., by the grace of God, King of Kings of Ethiopia, to Mr. Rennell Rodd, Envoy of the Kingdom of England.

Peace be unto you.

YOUR letter, written in Genbot, 1889, respecting the Somalis, has reached me. With regard to the question you have put to me, I give you the assurance that the Somalis, who may by boundary arrangements become subjects of Ethiopia, shall be well treated and have orderly government.

Written at Adis Abbaba, the 6th Genbot, 1889 (14th May, 1897).

(Seal of His Majesty the Emperor Menelek II.)

Annex 2.

(Translation.)

The Emperor Menelek to Mr. Rodd.

From Menelek II., by the grace of God, King of Kings of Ethiopia, Conquering Lion of the tribe of Judah.

May this reach James Rennell Rodd.

Peace be unto you.

WITH reference to the Treaty which we have written in the Amharic and English languages at Adis Abbaba, as I have no interpreter with me who understands the English language well enough to compare the English and Amharic version, if by any possibility in the future there should ever

be found any misunderstanding between the Amharic and English versions in any of the Articles of this Treaty, let this translation, which is written in the French language, and which I inclose in this letter, be the witness between us, and if you accept this proposal, send me word of your acceptance by letter.

Dated 7th Genbot, 1898 (14th May, 1897).
(Seal of His Majesty the Emperor Menelek II.)

(Traduction.)

Inclosure in above Letter.

Sa Majesté Victoria, par la grâce de Dieu Reine de la Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande, Impératrice des Indes, et Sa Majesté Ménélek II., Roi des Rois d'Ethiopie, désireux de fortifier et de rendre plus efficace et avantageuse l'ancienne amitié qui existe entre les deux Royaumes ;

Sa Majesté la Reine Victoria ayant nommé comme son Envoyé Extraordinaire et Représentant auprès de Sa Majesté l'Empereur Ménélek; James Rennell Rodd, Esquire, Compagnon de l'Honorable Ordre de Saint-Michel et Saint-Georges, dont les pleins pouvoirs ont été reconnus en bonne et due forme ; et

Sa Majesté l'Empereur Ménélek, agissant en son propre nom comme Roi des Rois d'Ethiopie ;

Se sont accordés sur, et ont conclu, les Articles qui suivent, par lesquels ils s'engagent eux-mêmes, ainsi que leurs héritiers et successeurs :—

ARTICLE I.

Les sujets et protégés de chacune des deux Parties Contractantes auront pleine liberté d'entrer, de sortir, et d'exercer leur commerce dans les territoires de l'autre, jouissant de la protection du Gouvernement sous la juridiction duquel ils se trouvent, mais il est défendu aux bandes armées d'une part ainsi que de l'autre de traverser les frontières du voisin sous un prétexte quelconque sans permission préalable des autorités compétentes.

ARTICLE II.

Les frontières du Protectorat Britannique sur la Côte des Somalis, reconnues par Sa Majesté l'Empereur Ménélek, seront réglées ultérieurement par échange de notes entre James Rennell Rodd, Esquire, comme Représentant de Sa Majesté la Reine, et Ras Meconen, comme Représentant de Sa Majesté l'Empereur Ménélek au Harrar. Ces notes seront annexées au présent Traité, dont elles formeront partie intégrale sitôt qu'elles ont été approuvées par les Hautes Parties Contractantes. En attendant, le *statu quo* sera maintenu.

ARTICLE III.

Il est convenu que la route des caravanes entre Zeila et le Harrar par voie de Gildessa restera ouverte dans tout son parcours au commerce des deux nations.

ARTICLE IV.

Sa Majesté l'Empereur d'Ethiopie de son côté accordera à la Grande-Bretagne et ses Colonies en ce qui concerne droits de douane et impôts intérieurs tous les avantages qu'il accordera aux sujets d'autres nations. De l'autre côté, tout matériel destiné exclusivement au service de l'Etat Ethiopeen aura le droit de passer en Ethiopie par le port de Zeila en franchise de douane sur demande de Sa Majesté l'Empereur.

ARTICLE V.

Le transit de tous les engins de guerre destinés à Sa Majesté l'Empereur d'Ethiopie est autorisé à travers les territoires dépendant du Gouvernement de Sa Majesté Britannique sous les conditions prescrites par l'Acte Général de la Conférence de Bruxelles signé le 2 Juillet, 1890.

ARTICLE VI.

Sa Majesté Ménélek II. Roi des Rois d'Ethiopie, s'engage, vis-à-vis du Gouvernement Britannique, à empêcher de son mieux le passage à travers de son Empire des armes et munitions aux Mahdistes, qu'il déclare ennemis de son Empire.

Le présent Traité entrera en vigueur sitôt que la ratification de Sa Majesté Britannique sera notifiée à Sa Majesté l'Empereur d'Ethiopie, mais il est entendu que les prescriptions de l'Article VI. seront mises en exécution à partir du jour de sa signature.

En foi de quoi Sa Majesté Ménélek II. Roi des Rois d'Ethiopie, en son propre nom, et Rennell Rodd, Esquire, pour Sa Majesté Victoria, Reine de la Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande, Impératrice des Indes, ont signés le présent Traité, fait en deux exemplaires, écrit en Anglais et en Amharique identiquement, les deux textes étant considérés comme officiels, et y ont affixé leurs sceaux.

Fait à Adis Abbaba, le 14 Mai, 1897.

(Seal of His Majesty the Emperor Menelek II.)

Mr. Rodd to the Emperor Menelek.

Adis Abbaba, May 14, 1897.

YOUR MAJESTY,—I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Majesty's letter inclosing the French translation of the Treaty which we are to sign this day in English and Amharic, and I agree, on behalf of my Government, to the proposal of your Majesty, that, in case a divergency of opinion should arise hereafter as to the correct interpretation to be given either to the English or Amharic text, the French translation, which has been agreed to on both sides as adequate, should be accepted as furnishing a solution of the matter under dispute.

In recording this assurance, I have, &c.,

RENNELL RODD.

Annex 3.

Mr. Rodd to Ras Makunan.

Peace be unto you.

Harrar, June 4, 1897 (28 Genbot, 1889).

AFTER friendly discussion with your Excellency, I have understood that His Majesty the Emperor of Ethiopia will recognize as frontier of the British Protectorate on the Somali Coast the line which, starting from the sea at the point fixed in the Agreement between Great Britain and France on the 9th February, 1888, opposite the wells of Hadou, follows the caravan road, described in that Agreement, through Abbassouen till it reaches the hill of Somadou. From this point on the road the line is traced by the Saw mountains and the hill of Egu to Moga Medir; from Moga Medir it is traced by Eylinta Kaddo to Arran Arrhe, near the intersection of latitude 41° east of Greenwich with longitude 9° north. From this point a straight line is drawn to the intersection of 47° east of Greenwich with 8° north. From here the line will follow the frontier laid down in the Anglo-Italian Protocol of the 5th May, 1894, until it reaches the sea.

The tribes occupying either side of the line shall have the right to use the grazing-grounds on the other side, but during their migrations it is understood that they shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the territorial of the authority. Free access to the nearest wells is equally reserved to the tribes occupying either side of the line.

This understanding, in accordance with Article II. of the Treaty signed on the 14th May, 1897, (7th Genbot, 1889), by His Majesty the Emperor Menelek and Mr. Rennell Rodd, at Adis Abbaba, must be approved by the two High Contracting Parties.

I have, &c.,

RENNELL RODD.

(Translation.)

Ras Makunan to Mr. Rodd.

Sent from Ras Makunan, Governor of Harrar and its dependencies :

May this reach the Honourable Mr. Rennell Rodd, Envoy of the British Kingdom.

I INFORM you to-day that, after long friendly discussion, the boundary of the British Somali Protectorate upon which we have agreed is as follows :—

Starting from the seashore opposite the wells of Hadou (as on which the French and the English Governments agreed in February, 1888), it follows the caravan-road by Abbassouen till Mount Somadou; from Mount Somadou to Mount Saw; from Mount Saw to Mount Egu; from Mount Egu to Moga Medir; starting from Moga Medir, it goes in a direct line to Eylinta Kaddo and Arran Arrhe on 44° east of Greenwich and 9° north, and again in a direct line until 47° east and 8° north. After this the boundary follows the line on which the English and the Italians agreed on the 5th May, 1894, until the sea.

The subjects of both the Contracting Parties are at liberty to cross their frontiers and graze their cattle, but these people, in every place where they go, must obey the Governor of the country in which they are, and the wells which are in the neighbourhood shall remain open for the two parties.

These two letters on which we have agreed, according to Article II. of the Treaty of His Majesty the Emperor of Ethiopia and Mr. Rennell Rodd of the 7th Genbot, 1889 (14th May, 1897), the two Sovereigns having seen them, if they approve them, shall be sealed again (ratified).

Written at Harrar, the 28th Genbot, 1889 (4th June, 1897).

RAS MAKUNAN.

Mr. Rodd to the Emperor Menelek II.

Cairo, August 30, 1897.

From Mr. Rennell Rodd, Special Envoy of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, to His Majesty Menelek II. by the grace of God, King of Kings of Ethiopia.

Peace be unto your Majesty.

I HAVE the honour to announce that the Queen, my gracious Sovereign, has been pleased to approve and ratify the Treaty which I had the honour to sign with your Majesty on the 14th May last.

Her Majesty has also been pleased to approve of the arrangement which, in accordance with the terms of Article II. of the Treaty, was agreed upon between Ras Makunan, as Representative of your Majesty, and myself by exchange of notes relative to the frontier of the British Protectorate in the Somali Coast; and it is presumed by Her Majesty's Government that your Majesty has also approved of it, as they have received no notification to the contrary.

The notes exchanged have accordingly been annexed to the Treaty, which has received ratification, signifying Her Majesty's approval of all these documents.

I have now the honour to return herewith the copy of the Treaty intrusted to me by your Majesty, with its ratification in due form.

When I shall have received from your Majesty a letter signifying that this Treaty, thus ratified and approved, has come safely to your Majesty's hands, it will be made public by the Government of the Queen, that all her subjects may observe it and abide by it, and that it may strengthen the ties of friendship between our countries, and increase the feelings of esteem and good-will towards your Majesty which the reception of the British Mission in Ethiopia has awakened in my country.

I pray that your Majesty's life and health may long be preserved, and that your people may have peace and prosperity.

RENNELL RODD.

The Emperor Menelek to the Queen.

(Translation.)

Menelek II., Elect of God, King of Kings of Ethiopia, to Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, and Empress of India, Upholder and Keeper of the Christian Religion.

May peace be unto you.

YOUR Majesty's letters of the 28th Hamlé (3rd August) and 22nd (23rd) Mascarem (1st (2nd) October), 1897, and the Treaty with the Great Seal, dated the 28th Hamlé (3rd August), 1897, have reached me, and We received it with joy. The Treaty of Peace which is now between your Government and our Government, We hope it will ever increase in firmness and last for ever.

We ask God to give your Majesty health, and to your kingdom quietness and peace.

Written at Adis Abbaba, the 8th December, 1897, A.D.

(Seal of His Majesty the Emperor Menelek II.)

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

WITH reference to the Supplementary List of approved Contract Rates for the supply of Articles during 1898, published in Gazette No. 5,543 of April 7, 1898, please read "Cattleoid" for "Bovina."

JOHN ROOT,
Colonial Storekeeper.
Colonial Store,
Colombo, April 15, 1898.

Return of Immigrants and Emigrants at the Port of Colombo during the Week ended April 20, 1898.

	Men.	Women.	Children.	Infants.	Total.
Immigrants (estate coolies)	1,385	416	385	105	2,291
Emigrants (all classes)	1,544	289	65	31	1,929*

* Of these, 1,208 were estate coolies.

J. DONNAN,
Master Attendant.

English University Scholarship Examination, May 16, 1898.

Subject.	SCHEME OF MARKS.			Maximum.
English Language	150
English Literature	150
English History (1559-1603)	150
English Essay	100
Arithmetic	150
Euclid	150
Algebra	150
Trigonometry	150
Conic Sections and Analytical Geometry	150
Applied Mathematics	150
Theoretical Chemistry and Heat and Light, each...	150 alternative
Practical Chemistry and Electricity and Magnetism, each	150 alternative

N.B.—A candidate will not be credited with marks in a subject if he obtains less than 20 per cent. of the marks assigned to a paper.

Rules.

1. Writing paper, blotting paper, and ink will be supplied.
2. Candidates must write only on one side of the paper, and must leave a margin at both edges of each sheet. A new sheet should be used whenever a new question is begun.
3. Each question should be answered in the order in which it is set. A blank should be left wherever a question or part of a question is omitted.
4. Each candidate must write his name with initials at the top of every sheet at the right-hand corner; before giving up his papers he should arrange them in the order of the questions, and write at the head of the top sheet the subject of the paper.
5. The person charged with the superintendence of the examination shall have the power to discontinue the examination of any candidate who may misconduct himself or attempt to use unfair means.

Time Table.

Monday, May 16 :
 10-12½ ... English Essay.
 1½-4½ ... English Language.

Tuesday, May 17 :
 10-1 ... English Literature.
 2-5 ... English History.

Wednesday, May 18 :
 10-1 ... Arithmetic.
 2-5 ... Euclid.

Thursday, May 19:
 10-1 ... Algebra.
 2-5 ... Trigonometry.

Friday, May 20 :
 10-1 ... Conic Sections and Analytical
 Geometry.
 2-5 ... Applied Mathematics.

Saturday, May 21 :
 10-1 ... Theoretical Chemistry and Heat
 and Light (alternative).
 2-5 ... Practical Chemistry and Elec-
 tricity and Magnetism (alter-
 native).

NOTICES CALLING FOR TENDERS.

SEALED Tenders, marked on the envelopes "Tender for Supply of Rice in the Province of Uva," will be received at the Office of the Director of Public Works up to noon on Wednesday, May 25, 1898, from persons willing to contract for the under-mentioned service.

The tenders are to be made in duplicate, the originals being forwarded by the tenderers direct to the Director of Public Works and the duplicates direct to the Auditor-General, both to be forwarded at the same time.

For supplying best kallunda rice for the use of the Public Works Department, Province of Uva, at any place mentioned below, for one year from July 1, 1898, to June 30, 1899, viz. :—

Haputale bazaar.
 Bandarawela bazaar.
 Badulla bazaar.
 Passara bazaar.
 Koslande bazaar.
 Any place within the Public Works Department,
 District of Badulla.
 Any place within the Public Works Department,
 District of Passara.
 Any place within the Public Works Department,
 District of Koslande.

Rice is to be delivered at any place where an overseer or a detachment of pioneers is stationed within the above three districts, in such quantity as may be required by the Provincial Engineer or District Engineer. Tenders are to state separately the average rate for all rice delivered at any place within each district.

The tenders are to be made upon forms which will be supplied upon application at the Office of the Government Agent, Badulla, or the Director of Public Works,

Colombo, and no tender will be considered unless it is furnished on the recognized form.

A deposit of Rs. 50 will be required before any forms are issued; and should any person decline to enter into the contract and bond, his deposit shall be forfeited to the Crown. All other deposits will be returned upon the signature of the contract.

Every alteration should bear the initials of the tenderer, and all tenders containing alterations not bearing the tenderers' initials will be treated as informal and rejected.

Sufficient securities will be required to join in a bond for the due fulfilment of the contract for the supply of rice, and the person whose contract shall be accepted for rice shall be bound by a cash deposit of Rs. 1,000 in each case, which must be hypothecated to Government for the due fulfilment of such rice contract.

Quarter bushel of rice, in sealed bags, labelled with the name of the tenderer, should be sent in to the Provincial Engineer before the tenders are opened as samples; any less quantity will invalidate the tender.

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

Persons whose tenders are accepted by Government will be required to bear the expense of having the security bonds prepared for the due performance of their contracts, which bonds will be subject to the approval of the Attorney-General, but may be drawn by the tenderer's own lawyers, whose names or stamps should be affixed to the document.

H. WARD

for Director of Public Works.

Public Works Department,
 Colombo, April 15, 1898.

SALES OF UNSERVICEABLE ARTICLES.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned unserviceable articles belonging to the Public Works Department will be sold by public auction at the Public Works Department Store, Chilaw, on Thursday, May 26, 1898, at 2 P.M. :—

2 adzes of sorts	120 mamoties
4 augers of sorts	1 mason's spirit level
10 barrels, tar, empty	56 pickaxes
1 billhook	3 planes of sorts
1 brace, ratchet	3 powder canisters, tin
2 braces, iron	1 porowa
3 buckets, water, wooden	4 rakes
14 buckets, water, galvanized iron	1 rammer, copper-tipped
2 chisels of sorts	1 saw, cross-cut
2 compasses of sorts	1 saw, pit
1 drill-bore	1 saw, frame
5 files, large, rubber	17 shovels and spades
25 files of sorts	1 spanner
8 hammers, hand	3 stampers, wooden
19 do. sledge iron	1 turncrew
19 do. do. half	2 hand carts
14 hammers, miners'	1 cask, wooden
15 iron drums	1 table
2 locks, iron pad-	1 measuring tape, 100 ft.
	1 T square

H. A. MARTIN,
for Director of Public Works

Public Works Department,
Colombo, April 19, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned unserviceable articles belonging to the Public Works Department will be sold by public auction at the Public Works Department Store, Government Factory, on Saturday, May 21, 1898, at 12 noon :—

2 adzes of sorts	4 hammers, rivetting
21 augers of sorts	3 do smiths'
5 axes of sorts	2 iron monkey
2 axes, granite	1 lead ladle
1 axe, hand	6 padlocks, iron
66 brushes of sorts	4 masons' spirit levels
3 barrows, wheel	1,600 mamoties
5 bass brooms	1 mason's plumb bob
70 barrels, tar, empty	1,200 pickaxes
1 pair bellows	6 planes of sorts
12 billhooks and coytas	35 plane iron bits
2 blocks of sorts, wooden	10 packing cases
1 bushel, measure	8 porowas
2 braces, wooden	2 rivetting cups
300 buckets, water, galvanized iron	4 rakes
64 baskets, earth	8 rammers, copper-tipped
2 chairs	4 saws, hand
6 katties	1 saw, frame
23 chisels of sorts	1 saw, bow
3 cans, watering	1 saw, set
7 crowbars, claw	1 screw plate
14 crowbars, jumper	162 shovels and spades
2 forks, iron	18 spanners
112 files of sorts	2 squares, wooden
1 hose, canvas	1 stock and dies
15 gravel screens	10 sieves and sifters
2 gauges of metal piling	6 tapes, measuring 50 ft
1 gauge, wooden	30 tubs, water
3 hammers, claw	18 trowels, masons'
412 do. hand	1 turncrew
47 do. sledge, iron	1 winch, crab
63 do. do. half	25 hand carts
64 do. miners'	2 road rollers

H. A. MARTIN,
for Director of Public Works.

Public Works Department,
Colombo April 19, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that on Tuesday, May 3, 1898, at 1 o'clock noon, will be sold by public auction at the Office of the Director of Public Works, Colombo, the following unserviceable articles of Public Works Department, viz. :—

1 arrow	1 T square
2 bows, pencil	1 road tracer
1 bow, ink	2 French curves
3 chains, measuring 66 ft.	10 tapes, 50 ft.
1 chain, measuring 100 ft.	1 tape, 66 ft.
5 colour saucers	4 tapes, 100 ft.
1 pair of dividers	3 scales, plotting
12 drawing pens	3 set squares, vulcanite
2 protractors, cardboard	1 set squares, boxwood
4 scales, universal	1 rod, measuring

H. WARD,
for Director of Public Works.

Public Works Department,
Colombo, April 5, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned unserviceable articles belonging to the Public Works Department will be sold by public auction at the Public Works Department Store, Ambanpitiya, on Saturday, June 4, 1898, at 2 P.M. :—

2 adzes of sorts	31 hammers, sledge, half
6 augers of sorts	44 do. miners'
2 axes, felling	4 kegs
1 axe, hand	136 mamoties
2 barrows, wheel	1 oilstone
10 barrels, tar, empty	3 padlocks, iron
4 billhooks and coytas	124 pickaxes
14 bits for braces	5 planes of sorts
1 block, iron	3 powder canisters, tin
2 braces, iron	4 rakes
1 bushel measure, wooden, grain	9 rammers, copper-tipped
1 bushel measure, 10 cubic ft., metal	2 rules, 2 ft.
18 buckets, water, wooden	1 rasp
32 buckets, water, galvanized iron	7 red flags
5 cans, tin	2 saws, hand
7 chisels of sorts	2 shovels and spades
5 files, large, rubber	1 coach wrench
33 files of sorts	2 tongs, smiths'
2 grinding stones	7 tubs, water
56 hammers, hand	3 trowels, masons'
27 do. sledge, iron	1 turncrew
	10 wire screens
	2 tapes, measuring 50 ft

H. A. MARTIN,
for Director of Public Works.

Public Works Department,
Colombo, April 20, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that on May 11, 1898, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, the following unclaimed articles will be sold by public auction at the Police Court of Ratnapura, viz. :—

1 hammer	1 footrule
1 silver watch	1 glass
24 images	2 empty bottles
3 kamba cloths	Some silver pieces of a chain
8 kaiyeli cloths	1 pair silver mairmatti
2 white coats	2 mamoties
2 banyans	2 Tamil books
1 sela cloth	Some inferior gems
2 handkerchiefs	19 old copper coins
1 cap	1 small scale
1 black coat	1 pill case
1 umbrella	1 old lock
1 knuckle duster	1 tin opium
1 set cinnamon peeler's instruments	1 lot plumbago

J. C. MOLAMURE,
Police Court, Additional Police Magistrate.
Ratnapura, April 21, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that on Wednesday, May 4, at 12 noon, will be sold by public auction at the Railway premises, Maradana, the following unserviceable articles belonging to the Locomotive and Traffic Departments :—

Locomotive Department.

44 augers	4 lamps, station
4 axes	2 ladles
1 brace, ratchet	1 mamoty
20 buckets	1 measuring tape
1 breast, drills	56 padlocks, iron
1 buffer lamp	2 planes, rabbit
1 coupling screw	1 rake, iron
7 cans, oil	1 rule, foot
7 chisels	1 rasp
1 chisel, mortising	2 rasps, tail
6 chisels, turners'	26 shovels
8 callipers	20 spanners
1 chair, lady's	14 stones, oil
3,025 files	3 stones, grind
15 feeders, oil	1 spade
4 hammers, chipping	1 spring divider
5 hammers, hand	4 saws, hand
4 hammers, sledge	1 saw, wet
104 ft. hose pipe	13 saws, circular
1 ink well, glass	1 tong
1 lamp, wall	3 turners' gauges
2 lamps, hand	1 wrench, monkey
5 lamps, head	2 wrenches, coach
5 lamps, platform	18 saw blades

Traffic Department.

1 axe	2 knives
1 alovangoe	7 lamps, roof
87 burners, roof, lamp	11 lamps, reading
37 burners, hanging and wall	2 lamps, hurricane
6 burners, side and tail	8 lamps, porters'
2 burners, semaphore	8 lamps, hand-signal
2 burners, glass	22 lamps, side and tail
5 bells	2 lamps, semaphore
4 boxes, date	8 lamps, wall
1 box, letter	7 locks, almirah and drawers
6 buckets	1 lock, door
2 barrows, hand	2 locks, points
3 chairs	14 mamoties
8 cans, oil	1 pewter
5 cans, watering	45 padlocks
1 file, telegraph	3 rakes
5 files, paper	3 pairs scissors
3 feeders, oil	2 screwdrivers
5 filters	32 screw couplings
1 gas lighter	3 spades
2 inkstands	1 trap, rat
1 jug	7 taps, filter

W. T. PEARCE,
General Manager.

General Manager's Office,
Colombo, April 19, 1898.

RETURN OF RAINFALL FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 1898.

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	2.83	1.18	1-2	4	N.E.	Mr. Brocknall	
	Kalutara	36	1.32	0.63	26-27	6	S.W.	Mr. Pigott	
	Labugama	375	3.81	1.71	4-5	7	Variable	Mr. Samarakone	
Central	Henaratgoda	33	3.63	3.11	4-5	6	S.W.	Mr. Silva	
	Katugastota	1,500	3.18	1.25	26-27	5	W.	Mr. Price	
	New Valley (Dikoya)	3,708	7.52	2.50	4-5	9	N.E.	Mr. Ward	
	Helboda (Pussellawa)	3,300	3.23	0.98	2-3	7	N.E.	Mr. Gosset	
	Yarrow Estate	3,400	3.91	1.12	18-19	6	—	Mr. Shelley	
	Peradeniya	1,540	4.62	2.38	3-4	9	N.E.	Mr. MacMillan	
	Duokwari	3,300	3.00	1.10	3-4	6	N.E.	Mr. Spence	
	Caledonia	4,273	4.52	1.45	3-4	8	—	Mr. Goork	
	Pussellawa	3,000	4.63	1.90	17-18	8	N.E.	Mr. Powell	
	Hakgala	5,581	6.15	1.84	4-5	12	Variable	Mr. Nock	
	S. Wanarajah Estate	3,700	3.44	1.51	4-5	6	Variable	Mr. Tatham	
	St. Andrew's (Maskeliya)	4,200	9.87	2.70	5-6	10	N.E.	Mr. Norie	
	Dalguise Est. (Shannon)	4,510	—	—	—	—	—	Not received	
	Padupola	1,636	7.49	3.15	14-15	7	N.E.	Mr. Ward	
	Mylapitiya	1,707	1.33	1.08	2-3	5	Variable	Mr. Morgan	
Northern	Aluta	800	—	—	—	—	—	Not received	
	Mullaitivu	12	1.40	1.00	5-6	2	N.E.	Mr. Sanmukam	
	Jaffna	8	0.83	0.42	4-5	3	Variable	Mr. Grant	
	Mankulam (N. Road)	167	0.90	0.50	28-29	3	N.E.	Mr. Walker	
	Elephant Pass	7	0.04	0.04	4-5	1	N.W.	Mr. MacBride	
	Vangalachettykulam	179	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	N.E.	Mr. Oorloff	
	Point Pedro	24	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	N.E.	Mr. Pararachasinghe	
	Jaffna College	9	1.66	1.02	2-3	3	N.E.	Mr. Cooke	
	Kayts	8	0.18	0.18	5-6	1	N.E.	Mr. Tampo	
	Kankasanturai	10	Nil	Nil	Nil	4	Variable	Mr. Bvarts	
	Pallai	24	0.15	0.15	4-5	1	N.E.	Mr. MacBride	
	Murikandy (N.-C. Road)	—	0.10	0.10	29-30	1	N.E.	Mr. MacBride	
	Nedunkeni	122	0.37	0.37	4-5	1	N.E.	Mr. Sanmukam	
	Chavakachcheri	16	0.04	0.04	5-6	1	N.E.	Mr. MacBride	
	Udupiddi	35	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Variable	Mr. Hastings	
	Marichohukaddi	14	0.30	0.15	4-5	2	N.E.	Mr. Thamotharam	
	Puliyadi Irakkam	—	1.60	1.35	4-5	2	N.E.	Mr. Chapman [pillay	
	Southern	Ella Vella	262	1.10	0.55	18-19	4	E.	Mr. Smith
		Kekanadura	150	0.92	0.56	3-4	21	N.E.	Mr. Smith
		Denagama	286	5.62	1.50	4-5	5	N.E.	Mr. Smith
Udukiriwila		235	2.71	0.80	4-5	5	N.E.	Mr. Lourensz	
Kirama		260	2.95	1.84	3-4	4	N.E.	Mr. Ismail	
Hali-ela		200	2.10	1.10	3-4	4	N.E.	Mr. Smith	
Tissamaharama		75	3.35	1.60	3-4	4	N.E.	Mr. Lucas	
Matara		15	1.84	0.60	26-27	5	N.E.	Mr. Smith	
Dandeniya		157	0.53	0.45	4-5	3	N.E.	Mr. Smith	
Urubokka		890	8.64	2.63	25-26	9	N.E.	Mr. Smith	
Elagala		121	1.45	0.60	3-4	4	N.E.	Mr. Lucas	
Tangalla		94	1.60	1.60	3-4	1	N.E.	Mr. Woodhouse	
Mamadola		56	1.94	0.54	1-2	6	N.E.	Mr. Ebert	
Eastern		Irrakkamam	42	1.09	0.50	Feb. 28-1	3	N.	Mr. Edge
		Devilana	136	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	E.	Mr. Gregson
		Sagamata	40	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	E.	Mr. Edge
		Ambare	65	0.75	0.40	3-4	4	E.	Mr. Edge
	Kanthalai	150	—	—	—	—	—	Not received	
	Allai	95	1.53	1.55	4-5	1	Variable	Mr. Carte	
	Rukam	120	1.80	1.20	Feb. 28-1	2	Variable	Mr. Gregson	
	Periyakulam	20	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Variable	Mr. Carte	
	Chadaiyantala	57	1.00	0.60	2-3	2	N.E.	Mr. Edge	
	Kalmunai	12	0.67	0.37	2-3	3	N.	Mr. Edge	
	Rotawewa	30	1.72	0.84	2-3	3	E.	Mr. Edge	
	Lahugala	70	1.00	0.50	Feb. 28-1	2	E.	Mr. Edge	
	Naulla	30	0.90	0.50	2-3	2	E.	Mr. Edge	
	Andankulam	41	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Variable	Mr. Carte	
	Manalpuddy	21	0.93	0.58	2-3	2	E. & W.	Mr. Gregson	
North-Western	Maha-oya tank	—	0.72	0.41	4-5	3	—	Mr. Gregson	
	Magalawewa	176	2.05	0.80	3-4	5	Variable	Mr. Gunaratna	
	Maha Uswewa tank	160	3.30	1.40	3-4	6	N.E.	Mr. Crabbe	
	Tenepitiya	8	2.30	1.80	3-4	2	N.E.	Mr. Simmons	
North-Central	Batalagoda	—	—	—	—	—	—	Not received	
	Kalawewa	268	0.27	0.27	28-29	1	N.E.	Mr. Drieberg	
	Maradankadawala	443	0.25	0.15	Feb. 28-1	2	N.E.	Mr. Weinman	
	Mihintale	354	1.30	1.30	28-29	1	N.E.	Mr. Silva	
	Horowapotana	217	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	N.	Mr. Silva	
	Madawachchiya	285	1.00	0.65	8-9	2	N.E.	Mr. Silva	
	Topare	200	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	S.W.	Mr. Jayawardana	
Uva	Bandarawela	3,900	2.45	1.07	2-3	5	N.E.	Mr. Tocke	
	Haldumulla	3,160	8.88	3.10	17-18	7	N.W.	Mr. Emerson	
	Kumbukkan	446	1.68	1.43	2-3	4	E.	Mr. Emerson	
	Hambagamuwa	390	—	—	—	—	—	Not received	
Sabaragamuwa	Koslanda	—	10.46	3.00	3-4	10	S.W.	Mr. Bemrson	
	Tanamawila	550	3.95	1.60	3-4	3	N.E.	Mr. Gunawardana	
	Ambanpitiya	729	2.46	1.06	5-6	7	N.E.	Mr. Auwardt	
	Pelmadulla	408	9.40	3.00	4-5	5	—	Mr. Clarke	
	Kolonna korale (Hulanda-oya)	203	1.67	0.77	3-4	3	N.E.	Mr. Caspersz	
Avisawella	105	9.42	2.80	3-4	8	S.W.	Mr. Jeffery		

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