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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 Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, 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 section 13 (1) of the Ordinance No. 6 of 1899, intituled "An Ordinance to amend the Law relating to Inquiries into Shipping Casualties and the conduct of Ships' Officers," it is enacted that the Governor may, with the advice of the Executive Council, make general rules from time to time for carrying into effect the provisions relating to formal investigations, and in particular with respect to the appointment and summoning of assessors, the procedure, the parties, the persons allowed to appear, the notice to those parties or persons or to persons affected, and the re-hearing of any investigation or inquiry by the court or authority by whom the case was heard in the first instance; and (2) that all rules made under the provisions of the said section shall be laid before the Legislative Council if then in Session, and, if not then in Session, then so soon as possible after the commencement of the next Session, and if within forty days after their being so laid before the Legislative Council any of such rules be objected to by the Legislative Council, the said Council

may by resolution annul any such rules; and (3) that such rules as shall not be so annulled by the said Council within the usual forty days shall be proclaimed in the *Government Gazette*, and shall come into force upon the publication thereof or on such other day as may be specified in such Proclamation:

And whereas the following rules made under the provisions of the said section have been laid before the Legislative Council, and have not been annulled by the said Council within the usual forty days, and it is expedient to proclaim the said rules:

Now know Ye that We, the said Governor, do hereby proclaim the said rules, and declare that the same shall come into force on and after the Twentieth day of May, 1900.

Given at Nuwara Eliya, in the said Island of Ceylon, this Twentieth day of April, in the year of our Lord One thousand Nine hundred.

By His Excellency's command,

E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

RULES REFERRED TO.

Short Title and Commencement.

1. These rules may be cited as the Shipping Casualties Rules, 1899. They shall come into operation on the 20th day of May, 1900, and shall, so far as practicable and unless otherwise expressly provided, apply to all matters arising in any pending investigation, and also to all investigations instituted on or after the said day.

Interpretation.

2. In these rules, unless the context or subject-matter otherwise requires:—

“Investigation” means a formal investigation into a shipping casualty.

“List of assessors” means the existing list and classification of assessors for shipping casualties approved by the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, set out in Part 2 of the Appendix hereto.

Notice of Investigation.

3. When an investigation has been ordered, the Principal Collector of Customs may cause a notice, to be called a notice of investigation, to be served upon the owner, master, and officers of the ship, as well as upon any person who in his opinion ought to be served with such notice.

The notice shall contain a statement of the questions which, on the information then in the possession of the Principal Collector of Customs, he intends to raise on the hearing of the investigation, and shall be in the Form No. 1 in Part I. of the Appendix hereto, with such variations as circumstances may require.

The Principal Collector of Customs may at any time before the hearing of the investigation by a subsequent notice amend, add to, or omit any of the questions specified in the notice of investigation.

4. The Principal Collector of Customs and any certificated officer upon whom a notice of investigation has been served shall be deemed to be parties to the proceedings.

5. Any other person upon whom a notice of investigation has been served and any person who shows that he has an interest in the investigation shall have a right to appear, and any other person may by leave of the judge appear, and any person who appears under this rule shall thereupon become a party to the proceedings.

Notice to Produce.

6. A party may give to any other party notice in writing to produce any documents (saving all just exceptions) relating to the matters in difference between them and which are in the possession or under the control of such other party, and if the notice is not complied with secondary evidence of the contents of the documents may be given by the party who gave the notice.

Notice to Admit.

7. A party may give to any other party notice in writing to admit any documents (saving all just exceptions), and in case of neglect or refusal to admit after such notice the party so neglecting or refusing shall be liable for all the costs of proving the documents, whatever may be the result, unless the judge is of opinion that the refusal to admit was reasonable; and no costs of proving any document shall be allowed unless such notice has been given, except where the omission to give the notice has, in the opinion of the officer by whom the costs are taxed, caused a saving of expense.

Affidavits.

8. Affidavits may by permission of the judge be used as evidence at the hearing.

Proceedings in Court.

9. At the time and place appointed for holding the investigation the court may proceed with the investigation, whether the parties upon whom a notice of investigation has been served or any of them are present or not.

10. The proceedings on the investigation shall commence with the production and examination of witnesses by the Principal Collector of Customs. These witnesses after being examined on behalf of the Principal Collector of Customs may be cross-examined by the parties in such order as the judge may direct, and may then be re-examined by the

Principal Collector of Customs. Questions asked and documents tendered as evidence in the course of the examination of these witnesses shall not be open to objection merely on the ground that they do or may raise questions which are not contained in, or which vary from, the statement of the case or questions specified in the notice of investigation.

11. When the examination of the witnesses produced by the Principal Collector of Customs has been concluded, the Principal Collector of Customs shall state in open court the questions in reference to the casualty and the conduct of the certificated officers or other persons connected therewith, upon which the opinion of the court is desired. In framing the questions for the opinion of the court, the Principal Collector of Customs may make such modifications in, additions to, or omissions from the questions in the notice of investigation as, having regard to the evidence which has been given, the Principal Collector of Customs may think fit.

12. After the questions for the opinion of the court have been stated the court shall proceed to hear the parties to the investigation upon, and determine the questions so stated. Each party to the investigation shall be entitled to address the court and produce witnesses or recall any of the witnesses who have already been examined for further examination, and generally adduce evidence. The parties shall be heard and their witnesses examined, cross-examined, and re-examined in such order as the judge shall direct. The Principal Collector of Customs may also produce and examine further witnesses, who may be cross-examined by the parties and re-examined by the Principal Collector of Customs.

13. When the whole of the evidence in relation to the questions for the opinion of the court has been concluded, any of the parties who desire so to do may address the court upon the evidence, and the Principal Collector of Customs may address the court in reply upon the whole case.

14. The judge may adjourn the investigation from time to time and from place to place, and where an adjournment is asked for by a party to the investigation or by the Principal Collector of Customs the judge may impose such term as to payment of cost or otherwise as he may think just as a condition of granting the adjournment.

15. Except when the certificate of an officer is cancelled or suspended, in which case the decision shall always be given in open court, the judge may deliver the decision of the court either *vidé voce* or in writing, and if in writing it may be sent or delivered to the parties. In the latter case it shall not be necessary to hold a court merely for the purpose of delivering the decision of the court.

16. The judge may order the costs and expenses of the investigation or any part thereof to be paid by the Principal Collector of Customs or by any other party. An order for payment of costs shall be in the Form No. 2 in Part I. of the Appendix hereto, with such variations as circumstances may require.

17. At the conclusion of the investigation the judge shall report to the Board of Trade. The report shall be in the Form No. 3 in Part I. of the Appendix hereto, with such modifications as circumstances may require.

Copy of Report when Certificate affected.

18. Where the certificate of a master, mate, or engineer has been cancelled or suspended, the court shall on application by any party to the proceedings give him a copy of the report made to the Board.

Re-hearing by Order of Board of Trade.

19. Where the Board of Trade direct a re-hearing of any inquiry by the court by whom the case was heard in the first instance under section 12 of Ordinance No. 6 of 1899, they shall cause such reasonable notice to be given to the parties whom they consider to be affected by the re-hearing as the circumstances of the case may, in the opinion of the Board of Trade, permit.

20. The court of re-hearing shall be assisted by not less than two assessors to be selected from the list of the persons for the time being approved for the purpose by the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, under the provisions of sub-section 2 of section 6 of the Ordinance No. 6 of 1899.

21. The court of re-hearing may, if it thinks fit, order any person other than the parties to whom notice of the re-hearing shall have been given to be added as a party or parties to the proceedings for the purposes of the re-hearing, on such terms, with respect to costs and otherwise, as the court of re-hearing may think fit. Any party to the proceedings may object to the appearance at the re-hearing of any other party to the proceedings as unnecessary.

22. The evidence taken at the original investigation shall be proved before the court of re-hearing by a copy of the notes of the judge or of the shorthand writer, clerk, secretary, or other person authorized by him to take down the evidence, or by such other materials as the court of re-hearing thinks expedient.

Copies of the notes of evidence and of the report to the Board of Trade containing the decision in respect of which a re-hearing has been directed shall be supplied to the parties to the re-hearing on request by the judge or other person having charge thereof on payment of the usual charge for copying.

23. The court of re-hearing shall have full power to receive further evidence on questions of fact, such questions to be either by oral examination in court, by affidavit, or by deposition taken before an examiner or commissioner. Evidence may also be given, with special leave of the court of re-hearing, as to matters which have occurred since the date of the decision in the original investigation.

24. The court of re-hearing shall have power to make such order as to the whole or any part of the costs of and occasioned by the re-hearing as the court may think just.

25. Every re-hearing shall be conducted in accordance with the general rules headed "Proceedings in Court."

26. On the conclusion of the re-hearing the court of re-hearing shall send to the Board of Trade a report of the case in such form as the court of re-hearing may think fit.

Appointment of Assessors.

27. Subject to these rules, assessors for investigations into shipping casualties shall be appointed from the list of assessors approved by the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council.

28. If any investigation involves or appears likely to involve the cancelling or suspension of a certificate of a master, mate, or engineer, there shall be appointed from the list of assessors not less than two assessors from class 1 and class 2, or from either of those classes.

29. Subject to any special appointment or appointments which the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, may think it expedient to make in any case where special circumstances appear to him to require a departure from these rules (the requirements of the last preceding rule being always complied with), assessors shall be appointed as follows:—

- (1) Where the investigation involves or appears likely to involve the cancelling or suspension of the certificate of a master or mate, but not of an engineer, at least two assessors shall be appointed from class 1.
- (2) Where the investigation involves or appears likely to involve the cancelling or suspension of the certificate of a master or mate of a sailing ship, one at least of the assessors shall be appointed from sub-section (a) of class 1; and where the investigation involves or appears likely to involve the cancelling or suspension of the certificate of a master or mate of a steamship, one at least of the assessors shall be appointed from sub-section (b) of class 1.
- (3) Where the investigation involves or appears likely to involve the cancelling or suspension of a certificate of an engineer, one at least of the assessors shall be appointed from class 2.

30. The Principal Collector of Customs shall inform the Governor when assessors are required, and shall state from which of the aforesaid classes assessors ought in his opinion to be appointed, but the Principal Collector of Customs shall not request the appointment of any individual assessor.

31. An appointment made by the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, of any assessor or assessors for an investigation shall not be open to question on the ground that it was not in accordance with these rules or does not give full effect to the requirements of these rules.

Computation of Time.

32. In computing the number of days within which any act is to be done they shall be reckoned exclusive of the first and inclusive of the last day, unless the last day shall happen to fall on a Sunday or public holiday, in which case the time shall be reckoned exclusive of that day also.

Service of Notices.

33. Any notice, summons, or other document issued under these rules may be served by sending the same by registered letter to the address of the person to be served.

34. The service of any notice, summons, or other document may be proved by the oath or affidavit of the person by whom it was served.

Publication of Rules.

35. A copy of these rules shall be kept at every office of Customs in this Island, and any person desiring to peruse them shall be entitled to do so.

APPENDIX.

PART I.

Forms.

The following forms shall be used as far as possible with such alterations as circumstances may require, but no deviation from the prescribed forms shall invalidate the proceedings, unless the judge shall be of opinion that the deviation was material:—

No. 1.—Notice of Investigation.

To _____ master, mate, engineer, owner, &c., of _____, or _____, belonging to the ship _____ of _____.

I hereby give you notice that the Principal Collector of Customs has ordered a formal investigation into the circumstances attending the _____, and that subjoined hereto is a copy of a report (or statement of the case) upon which the said investigation has been ordered. I further give you notice to produce to the court (your Board of Trade certificate, the log books of the vessel, and) any (other) documents relevant to this case which may be in your possession.

I have further to give you notice that on the information at present obtained by the Principal Collector of Customs the questions annexed hereto are those upon which it appears desirable, and upon which he proposes, to take the opinion of the court; but these questions will be subject to alteration, addition, omission, or amendment by the

representative of the Principal Collector of Customs at the investigation after the witnesses called by the Principal Collector of Customs have been examined.

Dated this — day of —, 19 —.

Principal Collector of Customs.

1. Report (or statement of case).
2. Questions.

(1) Whether the — (here insert the proposed question).

No. 2.—Order on a Party for Payment of Costs of Investigation.

In the matter of a formal investigation held at — on the (here state all the days on which the Court sat) days of —, before —, assisted by —, into the circumstances attending the —.

The Court orders —

- (1) That A. B., of —, do pay to the Principal Collector of Customs (the sum of Rupees — on account of) the expenses of this investigation; or
- (2) That the Principal Collector of Customs do pay to A. B., of —, (the sum of Rupees — on account of) the expenses of this investigation.

Given under my hand this — day of —, 19 —.

Judge.

No. 3.—Report of Court.

In the matter of a formal investigation held at — on the (here state all the days on which the Court sat) days of —, before —, into the circumstances attending the —.

The Court, having carefully inquired into the circumstances attending the above-mentioned shipping casualty, finds, for the reasons stated in the annexure hereto, that the (here state finding of the court).

Dated this — day of —, 19 —.

We (or I) concur in the above report.

— Assessor.
— Assessor.

Annex to the Report.

(Here state fully the circumstances of the case, the opinion of the court touching the causes of the casualty, and the conduct of any persons implicated therein, and whether the certificate of any officer is either suspended or cancelled, and if so, for what reasons.)

PART II.

Classification of List of Assessors, and Qualifications prescribed for each Class.

The Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has directed that the assessors shall, so far as in his opinion circumstances permit, be taken in order of rotation within each class or sub-class, and has further directed that the assessors placed by him on the list of assessors shall be classified according to their qualifications, as follows:—

Class 1.—Mercantile Marine Masters.

- (a) Five years' service as a master in the merchant service, of which two years must have been service in command of a sailing ship with a certificate of competency.
- (b) Five years' service as a master in the merchant service, of which two years must have been service in command of a steamship with a certificate of competency.

Class 2.—Mercantile Marine Engineers.

Five years' service as an engineer in the merchant service, and at the time of appointment holding a first class certificate of competency as an engineer.

Class 3.—Royal Navy.

Rank of Admiral or Captain and three years' service in command of one of Her Majesty's ships at sea, or rank of Staff Commander and three years' service in that rank in one of Her Majesty's ships at sea.

Class 4.—Persons of Nautical Engineering or other Special Skill or Knowledge.

- (a) Such qualification as is in the opinion of the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, requisite for ordinary cases.
- (b) Such qualification as is in the opinion of the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, requisite for special cases.

APPOINTMENTS, &c., BY THE GOVERNOR.

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

Mr. N. E. COOKE to be Crown Counsel for the Island, *vice* Mr. E. C. DUMBLETON, deceased.

Mr. HERMANN A. LOOS to be Office Assistant to the Attorney-General *vice* Mr. N. E. COOKE, and to be an Additional Crown Counsel for the Island.

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

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, April 18, 1900.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR has been pleased to appoint the under-mentioned Officers to be Visitors of the Prisons in the Western Province, *viz.*:—

Mr. W. H. MOOR, Commissioner of Requests, Colombo.

Mr. J. H. TEMPLER, Senior Crown Counsel.
Dr. G. P. SCHOKMAN, Colonial Surgeon, Western Province.

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

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, April 20, 1900.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR has been pleased to make the following appointments with effect from the 28th April to 18th May, 1900:—

Mr. E. F. ONDAATJE to act as Office Assistant at Colombo to the Government Agent of the Western Province, during the absence of Mr. J. S. DRIEBERG on leave, in addition to his own duties as Additional Municipal Magistrate, Colombo.

Mr. W. N. S. ASSERAPPA to act as Deputy Fiscal, Colombo, and Assistant Superintendent of the Hulftsdorp Jail during the employment on other duty of Mr. E. F. ONDAATJE.

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

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, April 20, 1900.

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

Mr. WILLIAM ANDERSON WILSON to be a Second Lieutenant in the Ceylon Infantry Volunteers.

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

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, April 18, 1900.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR has been pleased to recognize, provisionally, Mr. VICTOR ROTTANSCHER VON MALATA as Vice-Consul for Austro-Hungary administering the Consulate in Colombo, pending the arrival of Her Majesty the Queen's Exequatur.

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

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, April 18, 1900.

IT is hereby notified that Mr. JOHN ROOT has been authorized to sign for and on behalf of Mr. H. OLIVER, Chief Resident Engineer, Northern and Uda Pussellawa Railways.

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

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, April 19, 1900.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR has been pleased to appoint Mr. WILLIAM ARNOLD SPELDEWINDE DE VOS, of Colombo, to be a Notary Public at Colombo and in and throughout the District of Colombo, in the Western Province, and to practise as such in the English language.

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

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, April 18, 1900.

APPOINTMENTS, &c., OF REGISTRARS.

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

Mr. M. D. A. ABEYESINHE, Crown Proctor, Ratnapura, to act as Registrar of Lands, Ratnapura, for four days from the 9th instant, during the absence on leave of the Registrar, Mr. M. PEIRIS.

Mr. B. L. POTGER, Crown Proctor, Badulla, to act as Registrar of Lands, Badulla, for two weeks and one day from the 9th instant, during the absence on leave of the Registrar, Mr. C. GUNATILAKA.

Mr. J. M. WEERASURIYA, Interpreter of the District Court of Anuradhapura, to act as Registrar of Lands, Anuradhapura, for two weeks and one day from the 9th instant, during the absence on leave of the Registrar, Mr. T. PONNAMBALAM.

E. NAPIDA MARIKAR to act as Registrar of Births and Deaths of Anavilundun and Munnessaram pattus, north of Deduru-oya No. 1 division, and as Registrar of General Marriages of Pitigal korale north division, in the Chilaw District of the North-Western Province, for four weeks

and three days from the 21st April, 1900, during the absence of the Registrar, SEDURAMO KADIRAVEL, on leave. His office to be at Kiriyanakalli.

By His Excellency's command,

E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary's Office, Colonial Secretary.
Colombo, April 19, 1900.

THE following appointment under the provisos to section 7 of the Ordinance No. 1 of 1895 and of section 7 of the Ordinance No. 2 of 1895 is hereby notified:—

The Provincial Registrar, Badulla, has appointed GORANDIAKUMBURE MUDIANSSE to act as Registrar of Births and Deaths of Mahapalata and of General Marriages for Udukinda division, in the Province of Uva, for seven days from the 14th April, 1900, during the absence of the Registrar, B. M. SUDU BANDA. His office will be at Kirimadupolawatta in Kahattawela.

Registrar-General's Office, P. ARUNACHANDAM,
Colombo, April 12, 1900. Registrar-General.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATIONS.

THE Meeting of the Legislative Council fixed for Friday, the 20th instant, has been postponed to Wednesday, the 25th instant, at 3 P.M.

Council Chamber,
Colombo, April 9, 1900.

By order,
J. J. THORBURN,
Clerk, Legislative Council.

WITH reference to *Gazette* notice dated the 16th November, 1899, and published in the *Gazette* of 24th November, 1899, the following copy of a Circular Despatch, dated the 7th March, 1900, received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, is published for general information.

By His Excellency the Governor's command,

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, April 18, 1900.

E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.

The Right Hon. J. CHAMBERLAIN, M.P., to Governor the Right Hon. Sir J. WEST
RIDGEWAY, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., K.C.S.I.

Circular.

Downing street, March 7, 1900.

SIR,—I HAVE the honour to inform you that a communication has been received from the India Office stating that the number of appointments of probationers for the Indian Forest Service to be offered for competition at the examination of this year has been increased from seven to nine, and I have therefore to request that the necessary alteration may be made in the copies of the regulations for admission to the Forest Service Branch of the Royal Indian Engineering College, Cooper's Hill, enclosed in my Circular Despatch of the 11th October last.

I have, &c.,
J. CHAMBERLAIN.

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 :—

May 15, 1900.

Central Province.—Kandy Town and Gravets, Dumbara and Pata Hewaheta, Tumpane and Harispattu, Yatinuwara and Uduuwara, Udapalata and Uda Bulatgama, the Revenue District of Nuwara Eliya, and the Revenue District of Matale, for a period of one or two years from the 1st January, 1901.

Western Province.—The District of Kalutara, the District of Panadure, Siyane and Hewagam Korales, for a period of one or two years from the 1st January, 1901.

May 19, 1900.

Eastern Province.—The District of Trincomalee, for a period of one or two years from the 1st January, 1901.

North-Central Province.—For a period of one or two years from the 1st January, 1901.

Province of Uva.—For a period of one or two years from the 1st January, 1901.

Southern Province.—Giruwā Pattu East in the Hambantota District, for a period of one or two years from 1st January, 1901.

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

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 tenderers 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 Rent of the Kandy Town and Gravets 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 Municipality of Kandy.

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,

E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, April 20, 1900.

THE following rules for the grant of licenses to explore and prospect for minerals and of mining leases in Ceylon, are published for general information.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, April 18, 1900.

By His Excellency the Governor's command,

E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.

Rules for the grant of Licenses to explore and prospect for Minerals and of Mining Leases in Ceylon.

THE following rules regulating the grant of licenses to explore and prospect for minerals and the grant of leases of mines and minerals have been made by the Governor.

No such license or lease can be granted otherwise than in accordance with these rules, except with the previous sanction of the Governor in Executive Council.

In these rules—

“Government Agent” means the Revenue Officer in charge of the Province.

“Minerals” include plumbago, talc, gold, silver, copper, iron, tin, lead, and other metals and the ores thereof.

“Person” includes any persons, syndicate, partnership, or company.

A license or lease under these rules may be granted to any person; in case of the death of the person or any of the persons to whom it is granted it shall enure for the benefit of his legal representative.

Exploring Licenses.

1. A license to explore Crown lands for minerals, called hereinafter an exploring license, will authorize the licensee to search the surface of the land specified in the license for minerals of every description, and, subject to such restrictions as the Government Agent may from time to time impose, to remove any specimens or samples found by the licensee in or upon such land.

2. Such license shall not authorize the licensee to enter upon any land in the occupation of any person without the consent of the occupier.

3. Such license cannot be assigned, nor can any right or interest thereunder be transferred, without the assent of the Government Agent.

4. Such license shall not authorize the licensee to mine or quarry, but he may turn up to such depth as the Government Agent may sanction, and subject to such conditions as he may impose, the surface of unoccupied land, or with the consent of the occupier that of occupied land.

5. Such license may be granted by the Government Agent and under such rules as the Governor may prescribe.

6. Every such license shall run for one year, but may be renewed for a further similar term by the Government Agent, and there shall be paid for each license or a renewal such fee, not exceeding ten rupees, as the Governor, may prescribe.

7. A royalty shall be payable to Government on the value of all precious stones found and removed by a licensee. Such royalty shall be at such rate, not exceeding fifteen per cent., as shall be fixed by the license. Neglect to report the discovery of any such stone within a reasonable time shall involve the forfeiture of the license, and of all claim to have an application for a mining or prospecting lease favourably considered.

8. Such license shall give no exclusive or preferential rights, but in considering rival claims for a prospecting license or mining lease due regard will be had to operations conducted under cover of an exploring license.

Prospecting Licenses.

9. (1) A license to prospect for minerals, called hereinafter a prospecting license, shall confer on the licensee the sole right, subject to the conditions contained in the license, to mine, quarry, bore, dig, and search for, win, work, and carry away any mineral specified in the license, and lying or being within, under, or throughout the land specified in the license.

(2) A prospecting license shall only be granted with respect to Crown land, and shall apply only to the area described in the license.

10. No prospecting license shall be granted except to a person approved by the Governor, and such person shall, before the license is granted, deposit as security in respect of each license such sum, not being less than one thousand rupees, as the Government Agent may determine, or give security

to the like amount to the satisfaction of the Government Agent, subject to such deduction on account of compensation for surface damage or otherwise as the Government Agent may order. The amount of any deposit made under this rule, should the depositor afterwards become the lessee of any mining lease, will be carried to his credit as part of the rents and royalties payable under his lease, and should he decline or fail to obtain any such lease as aforesaid will be returned to him.

11. (1) Every application for a prospecting license shall, unless the Governor, in any case otherwise direct, be made to the Government Agent of the Province in which the land or some part of the land with respect to which the license is required is situate. Applications shall be considered in order of priority.

(2) Every such application shall contain the following particulars, namely:—

- (a) The name, residence, and profession of the applicant;
- (b) A description, as accurate as possible, and illustrated by a rough sketch, of the situation, boundaries, and area of the land with respect to which the license is required; and
- (c) A specification of the mines or minerals for which the applicant desires to prospect.

(3) Every application shall be accompanied by a certificate that the applicant has been approved by the Governor, under the signature of the Colonial Secretary or of one of his Assistants.

12. On receipt of any such application the Government Agent shall, as soon as practicable, inquire whether the grant of the license applied for is inexpedient, either on the ground that the land described in the application is required for a public purpose or otherwise.

13. (1) Should the Government Agent be of opinion that it is not expedient to grant the license, or should he find that the licensee has not been approved by the Governor, he shall refuse to grant the license, and shall forthwith report the matter, through the Colonial Secretary, to the Governor, who may pass such orders as he may think fit.

(2) Subject to the control of the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, the Government Agent, if he finds that there is no objection to the grant of the license applied for, and if the applicant has been approved by the Governor, may grant the applicant a license in such form as may be prescribed, and shall report the matter to the Colonial Secretary.

14. A register of applications for prospecting licenses shall be kept in the Government Agent's office, specifying—

- (a) Name of applicant;
- (b) Date;
- (c) Residence of applicant;
- (d) Situation of the land;
- (e) Boundaries;
- (f) Estimated area;
- (g) Date of certificate of approval of applicant by the Governor;
- (h) Date of license;
- (i) Rent and royalty payable; and
- (j) Period for which granted.

15. Every prospecting license shall contain such conditions as may in any particular case seem necessary, and shall in all cases contain the following conditions:—

- (1) The terms for which the license shall be granted shall be one year or such shorter term as the applicant may desire. The license may be renewed by the Government Agent for a further term not exceeding two years, whenever he is satisfied that the licensee has been prevented from completing his search of the land by any cause other than his own default.
- (2) A moderate rent not exceeding one rupee per acre shall be paid for the land covered by the license.
- (3) The licensee shall pay a royalty at a rate not exceeding fifteen per cent. on the value of all precious stones won and carried away, and a royalty at the rate of ten per cent. on the value of all plumbago won and carried away, and a royalty not exceeding twenty per cent. of the value thereof as the Governor may determine in respect of all other minerals won and carried away over and above such quantity as the Government Agent, subject to the orders of the Governor, may allow to be taken free for the purposes of experiment.

- (4) No land in the occupation of any person shall be entered upon without the consent of the occupier, and no trees, standing crops, or other private property shall be cut or in any way injured without the consent of the owner thereof.
- (5) The licensee shall make and pay reasonable satisfaction and compensation for all injury which may be done by him in the exercise of the power granted by the license, and shall indemnify the Government against all claims which shall be made by third parties in respect of any such damage or injury.
- (6) The licensee shall not cut or injure any tree on unoccupied land without the permission of the Government Agent in writing.
- (7) Such license cannot be assigned, nor can any right or interest thereunder be transferred, without the consent of the Governor.
- (8) In case of any breach on the part of the licensee of any of the five preceding clauses, the Government Agent may summarily revoke the license, and thereupon all right conferred thereby or enjoyed thereunder shall cease.
- (9) The licensee shall within six months next after the determination of the license or the date of the abandonment of the undertaking, whichever shall first occur, securely plug any bores and fill up or fence any shafts, holes, or excavations that he may have made in the land, to such extent as the Government Agent may require, and shall to the like extent restore the surface of the land and all buildings thereon which he may have damaged in the course of prospecting.
- (10) Should any question of dispute arise regarding the license or any matter or thing connected therewith, or the powers of the licensee thereunder, or the amount or payment of the rent or royalty made payable thereby, the matter in difference shall be decided by the Governor, and his decision shall be final.

16. On or before the determination of his license the licensee shall have a right, subject to the rules hereinafter contained—

- (a) In the case of minerals other than precious stones, to a mining lease in accordance with the terms contained in rules for mining leases.
- (b) In the case of precious stones, to the first offer of such mining lease as the Governor may think fit to grant.

Such lease may include so much land, whether comprising the whole or a part only of the area for which the prospecting license was granted, as shall not exceed the area specified with respect to mining leases.

Mining Leases.

17. (1) Every application for the grant of a mining lease shall be presented to the Government Agent in whose Province the land or some part of the land with respect to which the lease is applied for is situate. The Government Agent shall forward the application through the Colonial Secretary to the Governor. The Governor may by general or special order require a deposit of money not exceeding one thousand rupees to be made by the applicant in any case or class of cases before the application is taken into consideration.

(2) No mining lease shall be granted otherwise than with respect to Crown lands.

18. Every application for a mining lease shall contain—

- (a) The name, residence, and profession of the applicant.
- (b) The name of the mineral or minerals for which the applicant intends to mine.
- (c) A map of the area over which the proposed lease is to extend.

19. On receipt of any such application the Governor may, if the applicant is entitled to a lease under rule 16, or if the Governor, with the like advice, considers that the applicant should be granted a mining lease, grant the same in accordance with these rules over such one or more blocks, each exceeding ten acres in extent and not exceeding one hundred acres in extent, as the Governor may think fit.

Provided that no mining lease shall be granted by the Governor under these rules so as to cause the total area held under mining leases by the lessee, or by those joint in interest with him, to exceed five hundred acres.

No such lease shall be executed until it has been approved by the Attorney-General or some officer of his Department.

20. Without the previous sanction of the Governor the length of a block shall not be allowed to exceed four times its breadth.

21. The term for which a mining lease may be granted shall not exceed thirty years, and no covenant for renewal may be inserted in the lease without the sanction of the Governor.

22. Every such lease shall contain such conditions and stipulations as the Governor may in each case consider necessary; but in every case shall contain the following conditions, namely:—

- (1) The lessee shall pay a royalty at the rate specified in the lease, which rate shall be in the case of plumbago ten per cent. on plumbago of rupees three hundred a ton and upwards in value, a royalty of five per cent. on all plumbago below rupees three hundred a ton in value, and in the case of other minerals not exceeding twenty per cent. of the value thereof, as the Governor may determine, until a mining lease has been obtained in respect of such minerals; but the lessee shall be entitled to require and obtain such lease for the term then unexpired of his original prospecting license upon the terms mentioned in rule 16.
- (2) The lessee shall also pay for every year a rent at the rate of one hundred rupees per acre, provided that no lessee shall pay both royalty and rent in respect of the same lease, but only such one of them as may be of the greater amount.
- (3) The lessee shall also pay for all land which he may be permitted by the Governor to take up, use, or occupy for building stores, machinery, &c., but not for mining purposes, a yearly rent not exceeding ten rupees per acre.
- (4) The lessee shall at his own expense erect and at all times maintain and keep in repair boundary marks and pillars according to the demarcation to be shown in a plan annexed to the lease.
- (5) The lessee shall make and pay reasonable satisfaction and compensation for all injury which may be done by him in exercise of the powers granted by the lease, and shall indemnify Government against all claims which may be made by third parties in respect of any such injury.
- (6) The lessee shall not cut or injure any tree reserved in the lease.
- (7) Neither the lessee nor any person claiming through or under him shall assign the lease, or transfer any right or interest thereunder, or underlet the whole or any portion of the premises comprised in such lease, without the consent of the Governor first had and obtained.
- (8) The lessee shall commence operations within one year from the date of the execution of the lease, and shall thereafter carry them on effectively in a proper, skilful, and mining-like manner, unless prevented by unavoidable cause.
- (9) The lessee shall keep correct accounts showing the quantity and particulars of all minerals obtained from the mine and the number of persons employed therein, and also complete plans of the mine, which shall be kept up to within six months of date, and shall allow any officer authorized by the Governor in that behalf at any time to examine such accounts and plans, and shall furnish the Government Agent with such information and returns in respect of the aforesaid matter as the Governor may prescribe.
- (10) The lessee shall allow any officer authorized by the Governor in that behalf to enter upon the premises comprised in the lease for the purpose of inspecting the same.
- (11) The lessee shall without delay send to the Government Agent a report of any accident which may occur at or in the said premises, and also the finding thereon of any minerals not specified in the lease.
- (12) Should the rent reserved or made payable by the lease be not paid within two months next after the date fixed in the lease for the payment of the same, or should the royalty be not paid within two months after the date of the determination of assessment, the Government Agent may enter upon the said premises and distrain all or any of the minerals or movable property therein, and may carry away or detain them until the rent or royalty due and all costs and expenses occasioned by the non-payment thereof shall be fully paid; and if any royalty or rent remain at any time unpaid for six calendar months after the date on which it is due, the

- Governor may determine the lease and the Government Agent may take possession of the premises comprised therein.
- (13) In case of any breach on the part of the lessee of any covenant or conditions contained in the lease, the Governor may determine the lease and the Government Agent may take possession of the said premises.
 - (14) At the end or sooner determination of the lease the lessee shall deliver up the several premises and all mines (if any) dug therein in a proper and workmanlike state, save in respect of any working which the Governor may have sanctioned abandonment.
 - (15) Should any question or dispute arise regarding the lease or any matter or thing connected with the mines and minerals leased, or the working or non-working thereof, or the amount or payment of the royalty, or the rent reserved or made payable by the lease, the matter in difference shall be decided by the Governor, and his decision shall be final.

General Provisions as to Licenses and Leases.

23. Should the applicant for a prospecting license or mining lease desire the Government Agent to prepare for him the sketch required by rule 11 (2) (b), or the map required by rule 18 (c), or should the sketch or map presented by the applicant be insufficient, the Government Agent may prepare the sketch or map required, and may, if he so order, recover the cost from the applicant at a rate not exceeding Rs. 2.50 per acre. If the Government has prepared a map of a tract of country specially for the convenience of intending applicants for licenses and leases under these rules, and if any applicant makes use of such map for the sketch or map aforesaid, it will be open to the Government to recover as above such share of the cost of preparing the map as it may consider to be equitably due from such applicant.

24. If a license or lease is not executed within six months after leave has been granted for it, the right of the applicant to such license or lease shall be held to have lapsed, unless the Governor for special reasons consent to grant the same notwithstanding the delay.

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	Arrivals.	Departures.	Total for Three Months.	
			Arrivals.	Departures.
<i>Colombo.</i>				
Men	11,058	8,996	26,422	21,726
Women	2,682	2,705	5,631	6,862
Children	2,280	1,414	5,180	3,265
<i>Negombo.</i>				
Men	74	99	170	226
Women	—	—	2	—
Children	1	—	1	—
<i>Pesalai.</i>				
Men	—	—	—	—
Women	—	—	—	—
Children	—	—	—	—
<i>Vankalai.</i>				
Men	—	—	—	—
Women	—	—	—	—
Children	—	—	—	—
Total	16,095	13,214	37,406	32,079

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Kandy Kachcheri,
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F. J. SMITH,
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IN pursuance of the provisions of section 11 of the Ordinance No. 2 of 1895, intituled "An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Registration of Marriages, other than the Marriages of Kandians or of Mohammedans," I, Ponnambalam Arunachalam, Registrar-General of Ceylon, do hereby notify that the under-mentioned building, used as a place of public Christian worship, has been duly registered for the solemnization of marriages therein :—

No.	Date of Registration.	Description.	Situation.	Minister, or Proprietor, or Trustee.	Religious Denomination on whose behalf the Building is registered.
111	April, 1900	Church of the Cross	Kallikaddaikkadu, Mantai south, Mannar District	The Rev. D. W. M. Talayaratna, Minister	Independent Catholic Mission under the Church of Antioch

Registrar-General's Office,
Colombo, April 18, 1900.

P. ARUNACHALAM,
Registrar-General.

NOTICES CALLING FOR TENDERS.

SEALED Tenders, marked on the envelopes "Tender for provisioning Hospitals," will be received up to 12 o'clock noon on Wednesday, April 25, 1900, from persons willing to contract for supplies for the use of the under-mentioned Government District Hospital, commencing from July 1, 1900, to December 31, 1900 :—

	Security in
	Cash.
	Rs.
District Hospital, Avisawella	... 200

2. Tenders should be submitted in duplicate, the original being forwarded to the Principal Civil Medical Officer and the duplicate direct to the Hon. the Auditor-General, both being required to be forwarded at the same time.

3. The tenders are to be made upon forms which will be supplied upon application to the Principal Civil Medical Officer and Inspector-General of Hospitals or to the Medical Officer in charge of the hospital, and no tender will be considered unless it is furnished on the recognized form, and the tender and the schedules attached thereto, *each signed in the presence of two respectable witnesses.*

4. Every tenderer will be required to make a deposit (on applying for forms) of half the amount of security ; 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 after the contract has been signed. The deposit must be made at the Treasury or Kachcheri, and the deposit receipt must be produced to the officer issuing the form as his authority for making the issue. In stations where there are no Kachcheries the deposit must be made to the Medical Officer in charge of the hospital.

5. Provisions should be of the best quality, approvable by the Medical Officer of the hospital.

6. When required, samples must be deposited.

7. The successful tenderer will be required to give cash security as given opposite the name of the station, and to sign the bond given in the tender for the due fulfilment of the contract within a fortnight from date of notification of acceptance of the tenders. The amount deposited for tender forms will form part of the cash security, which will be deposited in the Colombo Kachcheri to credit of the Hon. the

Treasurer. Those contractors who are required to furnish security to the extent of Rs. 500 and over may have their securities lodged in fixed deposits, if they so desire, in any of the local banks, which they must elect, the deposit being in the name of the Hon. the Treasurer. It is left to the option of the successful tenderer to substitute at any time thereafter for cash deposited by him approved title deeds and to enter into a fresh security bond at his expense.

8. In case any person makes any alterations in his tender before forwarding it, such alterations should invariably bear his initials, otherwise the tender will be treated as informal and rejected.

9. Any further information can be obtained on application to the Principal Civil Medical Officer and Inspector-General of Hospitals.

10. 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.

11. Tenderers, in quoting rates for Native and European low diets in the tender form, should specify separate rates for the diets with milk and without milk.

ALLAN PERRY,
Principal Civil Medical Officer
and Inspector-General of Hospitals.

Principal Civil Medical Office,
Colombo, April 3, 1900.

SEALED Tenders, marked on the envelopes "Tender for supplying Fresh Milk to the under-mentioned Government District Hospital during the year 1900," will be received up to 12 o'clock noon on Wednesday, April 25, 1900, commencing from July 1, 1900, to December 31, 1900 :—

	Security in Cash. Rs.
District Hospital, Avisawella ..	50

2. Tenders should be submitted in duplicate, the original being forwarded to the Principal Civil Medical Officer and the duplicate direct to the Hon. the Auditor-General, both being required to be forwarded at the same time.

3. The tenders are to be made upon forms which will be supplied upon application to the Principal Civil Medical Officer and Inspector-General of Hospitals or to the Medical Officer in charge of the hospital, and no tender will be considered unless it is furnished on the recognized form, and the tender and the schedules attached thereto, *each signed in the presence of two respectable witnesses.*

4. Every tenderer will be required to make a deposit (on applying for forms) of Rs. 25 ; 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 after the contract has been signed. The deposit must be made at the Treasury or Kachcheri, and the deposit receipt must be produced to the officer issuing the form as his authority for making the issue. But if there is no Kachcheri within convenient distance, the deposit may be made with the Medical Officer.

5. The person whose tender has been accepted by Government will be required to give cash security as stated opposite each station for the due performance of the contract within a fortnight from date of notification of acceptance of the tender.

6. In case any person makes any alterations in his tender before forwarding it, such alterations should invariably bear his initials, otherwise the tender will be treated as informal and rejected.

7. Any further information can be obtained on application to the Principal Civil Medical Officer.

8. 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.

ALLAN PERRY,
Principal Civil Medical Officer
and Inspector-General of Hospitals.

Principal Civil Medical Office,
Colombo, April 3, 1900.

SEALED Tenders, marked on the envelopes "Tender for the conveyance of Mails, Batticaloa and Trincomalee," will be received at the Postmaster-General's Office up to 12 o'clock noon on Monday, May 7, 1900, for the under-mentioned service, from July 1, 1900, to June 30, 1904 :—

For the conveyance of mails between Batticaloa and Trincomalee, once daily each way by runners.

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 hours of arrival and departure of the runners to be fixed from time to time by the Postmaster-General.

The tenders must be upon forms which will be supplied on application to the Postmaster-General to the Government Agents at Batticaloa or Trincomalee, 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 shall be forfeited to the Crown. All other deposits will be returned upon signature to 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, 1900, by the deposit of the above amount in cash.

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

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

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

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

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

W. C. MACREADY,
for Postmaster-General.

Postmaster-General's Office,
Colombo, March 29, 1900.

SEALED Tenders, marked on the envelopes "Tender for Salving Coal dropped in Colombo Harbour," will be received up to noon on Monday, April 30, 1900, for the under-mentioned service for a period of three years from May 1, 1900 :—

For salving of coal dropped in Colombo Harbour, stacking same in the place appointed for that purpose, and weighing and delivering same to importers and exporters of coal as may be directed.

2. Tenders should be submitted in duplicate, the original being forwarded to the Master Attendant, Colombo, and the duplicate direct to the Hon. the Auditor-General, both to be forwarded at the same time.

3. The tenders are to be made on forms which will be supplied on application at the office of the Master Attendant, Colombo, and no tender will be considered unless it is furnished on the recognized form.

4. 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 deposits will be returned upon signature of contract.

5. Approved security to the extent of Rs. 10,000 will be required for the due fulfilment of the contract. All other necessary information can be ascertained upon application at the office of the Master Attendant, Colombo.

6. The Government reserves to itself the right, without question, of rejecting any or all tenders.

7. Any alterations made in the tender should bear the initials of the tenderer, and all tenders containing alterations not bearing the tenderers' initials will be treated as informal and rejected.

8. Persons whose tenders are accepted by Government will be required to bear the expenses of having security bonds prepared for the due fulfilment of their contract, which bonds will be subject to the approval of the Attorney-General, together with a fee of Rs. 10-50 to be paid by the tenderer, but the bonds may be drawn by the tenderers' own lawyers, in which case the name or stamp of the Proctor who drafted the bond should be affixed to the document.

J. G. O. REYNOLDS,
for Master Attendant.

Master Attendant's Office,
Colombo, April 4, 1900.

SALES OF UNSERVICEABLE ARTICLES.

WILL be sold by public auction on Friday, the 27th instant, at Government Stores, at 12 noon, the following unserviceable articles :—

Angle iron, 1½ in. by 1½ in. by ¼ in. ... Bars	2
Do. 2 in. by 2 in. by ⅜ in. ... "	1
Square iron, 1½ in. ... "	1
Flat iron, 2½ in. by ¼ in. BB ... "	25
Galvanized down pipes, 4 in. ... Lengths	7
Rivets, iron, cooper's ... Cwt. 3-2-21½	7
Tin sheets, 56 in. by 40 in. LXXX ... Sheets	7
Do. 20 in. by 14 in. IXXX ... "	1
Do. 20 by 14 IC ... "	1

Perforated zinc sheets :—

7 ft. by 3 ft. by 21, ⅜ in., round hole, BWG ... "	5
7 ft. by 3 ft. by 29, ⅜ in. ... "	1½
7 ft. by 3 ft. by 26, ⅜ in. ... "	3
8 ft. by 3 ft. by 29, ⅜ in. ... "	2½
7 ft. by 3 ft. by 14, ¼ in. ... "	1
7 ft. by 3 ft. by 16, ⅜ in. ... "	1
Galvanized corner heads ... No.	1
Do. cistern heads ... "	1
Do. wire netting, 3 ft. wide, 2 in. mesh ... Yards	2½
Do. wire netting, 2 ft. wide, 1 in. mesh ... "	5
Baskets, square ... No.	1
Baskets, Madampe ... "	43
Gunny bags ... "	36
Cots, rattanned ... "	1
Cocconut scrapers ... "	1
Casks ... "	10
Coir brooms ... "	43
Do. long handle ... "	1
Ekel brooms with handle ... "	24
Mats, halpan ... "	3
Mats, pillow ... "	49
Measures, liquid, pewter ... Pints	1

Oars	2
Watties	3
Winnows	2
Candles	8
Fire bricks	Packets 731
Coach screws	4,850
Clamps, hooked right and left	531

F. W. VANE,
Controller of Government Stores.

Government Stores,
Colombo, April 9, 1900.

WILL be sold by public auction at the Government Stores on Monday, the 30th instant, at 12 noon, the following unserviceable articles :—

Bells, office	4
<i>Blank Books.</i>	
Foolscap, 2 qrs., common	4
Foolscap, 3 in.	10
Medium, 6 qrs.	3
Foolscap, best, 4 qrs.	1
Index	10
Crayons, for slate boards ... Boxes	1
Date boxes	1
Eyelets	Boxes 10 ⁰⁰
Gum, Arabic	lb. 4½
Holders for nibs	No. 635
Ink, blue	Quarts 19
Do.	Pints 1
Ink, blue, Monier's	" 7
Ink, copyable	lb. 6
Ink, paging	" 3½
Ink, ruling, red	Gallons 1
Ink, ruling, powders (blue)	lb. 1
Do. scarlet	" 1

Inkstands, pewter, round	... No.	5
Do. square	... "	1
Letter clips, demy "	5
Do. files "	27
Mill boards, imperial	... No.	57
Do. royal "	101
Do. medium	... "	68
	R. Q. S.	
Paper, azure wove, bank, 15 lb.	... 2 0	396
Do. do. 10 lb.	... 0 1	20
Paper, gazette, 43 lb.	... 0 0	150
Paper, green, double royal, 34 lb.	... 0 0	25
Paper, double, elephant litho	... 0 0	10
Paper, press copying, foolscap	... 2 11	0
Do. letter	... 0 15	0
Paper, tissue	... 8 4	18
Paper, waterproof	... 0 18	17
Paper, marble, double foolscap	... 0 4	0
Do. demy	... 0 16	0
Do. medium	... 0 3	0
Paper, tissue	... 2 4	18
Pencils, slate	... No.	138
Pins, office	... Boxes	24
Sealing wax, sticks...	... No.	99
Stamp-inking pads, black	... "	3
Steel nibs	... Doz.	1,345
Tape, office	... Skeins	7
Thread, linen	... lb.	7 $\frac{1}{3}$
Varnish, medium	... Gallon	1
Varnish, stiff	... "	1
<i>Drawing Materials.</i>		
Burnt Sienna tubes	... No.	9
Scarlet lake tubes	... "	8
Neutral tint tubes	... "	6

<i>Typewriting Materials.</i>		
Shields	... No.	24
Shuttles	... "	23
Slips, impression	... "	21
Ribbons (underwood)	... "	125
Ink powder, black	... Packets	237
Do. red	... "	2,769
Sergeant's blue cloth	... Yards	3
Blue serge, fine	... "	3
Do. coarse	... "	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Cashmere	... "	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Pillow cases	... No.	43
Lining drab	... Yards	19 $\frac{1}{2}$
Lining black	... "	2
Canvas	... "	4
Black thread, reels...	... Doz.	33
Comboys	... No.	36
Gray shirting	... Yards	250
Gray sheeting	... "	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
Socks, worsted	... Pairs	3
Mosquito netting	... Yards	10
Striped ticking	... "	2
Bunting, red	... "	2
Do. white	... "	1
Do. blue	... "	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Prison cloth, broad stripe	... "	17
Prison suits, narrow stripe	... "	1
Banians	... No.	4
White cloth (muslin)	... Yards	40

F. W. VANE,
Controller of Government Stores.

Government Stores,
Colombo, April 9, 1900.

