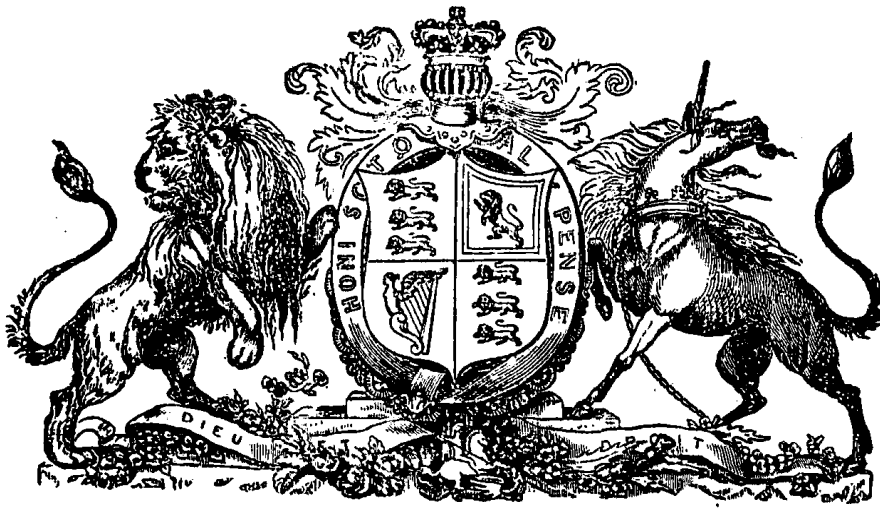




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APPOINTMENTS, &c., BY THE GOVERNOR.

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

Mr. P. B. GODAMUNE to the office of Commissioner of Requests and Police Magistrate, Avisawella, and Superintendent of the Avisawella Prison, from March 1 next.

Mr. J. G. O. REYNOLDS to act as Joint Police Magistrate, Colombo, from the 24th instant, during the absence of Captain J. DONNAN at the Pearl Banks, or until further orders.

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

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, February 16, 1898.

HEADS of Departments are hereby authorized to accept the signature of Mr. J. G. O. REYNOLDS on behalf of the Master Attendant,

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Colombo, from the 24th instant, during the absence of Captain DONNAN at the Pearl Banks, or until further orders.

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

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, February 16, 1898.

IT is hereby notified that His Excellency the Governor has accepted the resignation tendered by Mr. HENRY YOUNG of his appointment of Inquirer into Sudden Deaths.

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

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

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APPOINTMENTS, &c., OF REGISTRARS.

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

Mr. D. S. JAYATILAKA to act as Registrar of Lands for the District of Matara, with effect from the 10th instant, until further orders.

Mr. PHILIP MOSES to act as Registrar of Marriages for Jaffna division, in the Jaffna District of the Northern Province, for four weeks from February 19, during the absence of the Registrar, **Mr. D. SAVERIMUTTU**, on leave. His office to be at Iyankantarai at Karaiyur.

Mr. JAMES ISAAKSZ to be Registrar of Births and Deaths of Pnttalam pattu division, in the Puttalam District of the North-Western Province, with effect from the 31st ultimo, *vice* **Mr. S. S. PULLENAYAGAM**, retired.

BASNAYEKE MUDIYANSELAGE PUNCHI MUDIYANSE to be, provisionally, Registrar of Marriages (under the Ordinance No. 3 of 1870 and under the Ordinance No. 2 of 1895) for Uduwagam pattuwa of Kadawata korale, in the Ratnapura District of the Province of Sabaragamuwa, with effect from the 21st ultimo, *vice* **BASNAYEKE MUDIYANSELAGE KIRI MUDIYANSE**. His office to be at Etawak-kala.

By His Excellency's command,

E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, February 17, 1898.

IT is hereby notified that the Provincial Registrar, Colombo, has, under the proviso of section 7 of the Ordinance No. 1 of 1895, appointed **Mr. A. S. GUNAWARDANA, L.C.M.C.**, to act as Registrar of Births and Deaths of Locality No. 2, comprising the Kollupitiya and Slave Island Wards in the town of Colombo, of the Western Province, for the 11th instant, during the absence of the Registrar, **J. S. H. GUNAWARDANA**, on leave. His office to be at No. 45B, Union Place, Slave Island.

P. ARUNACHALAM,
Registrar-General.

Registrar-General's Office,
Colombo, February 15, 1898.

IT is hereby notified that the Assistant Provincial Registrar, Matara, has, under the proviso of section 7 of the Ordinance No. 2 of 1895, appointed **DON BASTIAN PERERA MIHINDU KULASEKERA WIJAYADORU** to act as Registrar of Marriages for Wellaboda pattu, in the Matara District of the Southern Province, for two days from the 11th instant, during the absence of the Registrar, **DON DEONIS PERERA MIHINDU KULASEKERA WIJAYADORU**, on leave. His office to be at Mekiliyagahawatta in Gandara.

P. ARUNACHALAM,
Registrar-General.

Registrar-General's Office,
Colombo, February 17, 1898.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATIONS.

IT is hereby notified that an examination under the Regulations of August 26, 1891, for gentlemen in the Civil Service will be held in the Council Chamber on Monday, April 18, 1898, at 11 o'clock A.M.

The *viva voce* examination in the native languages for officers in the Public Works Department will be held at the same time and place.

Candidates are requested to send in their names not later than the 31st proximo.

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

By His Excellency the Governor's command,

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, February 16, 1898.

E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.

IT is hereby notified that the Board of Health for the Central Province has, with the sanction of His Excellency the Governor and Executive Council, in terms of section 7 of "The Small Towns Sanitary Ordinance, 1892," made and assessed a rate of four per cent. per annum for the year 1898 on the annual value of all houses and buildings of every description and all lands and tenements whatsoever within the towns of Talawaŕele and Nanu-oya within the said Province, save such as are by the said section of the said Ordinance exempted from the payment of such rate.

By His Excellency's command,

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, February 10, 1898.

E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.

IT is hereby notified that on and after May 1 next the Semaphore Signal given at the Master Attendant's Office will be dropped at 4 H. 15 M., P.M., Madras mean time, instead of Colombo mean time as heretofore; and that the time kept at all public offices and shown by all public clocks in the Island will be Madras mean time.

By His Excellency the Governor's command,

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

E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.

IT is hereby notified for general information that His Excellency the Governor has been pleased, in terms of section 9 of Ordinance No. 4 of 1886, to appoint the following days to be observed this year as Bank holidays, in addition to the days specified in Schedule B attached to the Ordinance, viz.:—May 5; July 1; July (Vel festival: exact date to be notified hereafter); November 9; November 12.

By His Excellency's command,

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, February 14, 1898.

E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.

WITH reference to the Notification of the amendments to the Revised Code for Aided Schools, published in Part I. of the *Gazette* of February 11, 1898, it is hereby notified that the schedule of examination for industrial schools, appearing on page 97, will not come into operation till January 1, 1899.

By His Excellency the Governor's command,

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, February 12, 1898.

E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.

IT is hereby notified for the information of Heads of Departments that the payment of salary or pensions of deceased public officers and pensioners to the widow or next of kin up to the end of the month in which the officer died is allowable only where the salary does not exceed Rs. 3,000 per annum, and provided the salary is available; and in the case of pensioners, where the pension does not exceed Rs. 2,000 per annum.

2. In all other cases salary and pension are payable only up to date of death.

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

By His Excellency the Governor's command,

E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.

IT is hereby notified that His Excellency the Governor has deprived DON THELENIS DIAS of his rank of Muhandiram.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, February 16, 1898.

By His Excellency's command,

E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.

THE following regulations for the general cemetery at Nuwara Eliya, made by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, in pursuance of the powers vested in them by "The Cemeteries Ordinance, 1862," are published for general information.

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

By His Excellency's command,

E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.

BURIALS.

1. Every application for a grave shall be made to the keeper of the cemetery six hours at least before the time fixed for the burial of the person for whom the grave is required.
2. The keeper shall intimate the line to be followed by a funeral party on arriving at the cemetery; and if more than one come at the same time, the order in which they are respectively to move to the graves.
3. Should it be necessary, for the purpose of preventing the disturbance of one funeral party by another, and not otherwise, the keeper of the cemetery may require that one burial service should be concluded before another can be commenced.
4. The keeper of the cemetery shall have power to keep order within the cemetery, and his commands are to be obeyed.
5. No grave shall be less than 6 ft. in depth or at a less distance than 2 ft. from another. No grave shall be re-opened within a year, nor vault within six months, from the date of the last interment therein.

THE Act No. XXVII. of 1897 of Western Australia is published at the request of the Government of that Colony for general information.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, February 10, 1898.

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

No. XXVII.

An Act to provide for the Registration of certain Persons who shall be imported into Western Australia for Employment within the Territorial Dominion thereof, and for certain other matters in connection therewith.

(Assented to, December 23, 1897.)

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of Western Australia, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Imported Labour Registry Act, 1897.

Repeal of 48 Vict.,
No. 25.

2. The Imported Labour Registry Act, 1884, is hereby repealed. Provided that, save as hereinafter expressly enacted, this repeal shall not affect any instrument executed, right acquired, or liability, civil or criminal, incurred by virtue or under the authority of the Act hereby repealed, or any proceeding commenced with reference thereto.

Interpretation of
terms.

3. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

48 Vict., 25, s. 3,
with addition.

“Labourer” means any male person apparently a native of India, China, or Africa, or of the Islands of the Indian or Pacific Oceans, or of the Malayan Archipelago, and brought into the Colony as a labourer or servant, or for any other similar employment.

“Employer” includes every person at whose request or on whose behalf a labourer is brought into the Colony, and every person employing a labourer within the Colony, and the personal representative and the agent of any such person.

“Vessel” includes any ship or boat.

“Master” includes any person for the time being in command or charge of a vessel.

“Magistrate” means a Government Resident, or a Resident Magistrate, or a Police Magistrate, or any person lawfully acting as such, but it does not include any other justice of the peace.

Labourers not to
enter part of W. A.
south of 27° south
latitude.

4. No labourer brought into Western Australia under this Act, or who has already been so brought under the Act repealed by this Act, or under the Imported Labour Registry Act, 1882, shall enter by land or sea into any part of this Colony south of the twenty-seventh parallel of south latitude, except as hereinafter provided ; but nothing in this section shall affect any such labourer who shall be, at the time of the passing of this Act, within the said Colony south of the said parallel.

Penalty.

Every labourer who, whether wilfully or not, contravenes this section shall be liable to be conveyed out of this Colony as provided by this Act, and every labourer who wilfully contravenes this section shall be liable, on conviction, to imprisonment with hard labour for not exceeding six months ; provided that such imprisonment may cease for the purpose of the offender being conveyed out of the Colony as provided by this Act, or if he shall find approved sureties to the aggregate amount of one hundred pounds for his leaving the Colony within one month.

Labourer not to be
imported by Asiatic,
African, or Poly-
nesian.

5. No labourer shall be imported or brought into the Colony by any person apparently a native of India, China, or Africa, or of the Islands of the Indian or Pacific Oceans, or of the Malayan Archipelago.

Only one labourer to
be imported for
every 500 tons of
the ship's capacity.

6. Labourers shall not be imported into Western Australia in or landed from any ship in a greater number than one labourer for every five hundred tons of the ship's capacity ; the tonnage, in the case of a British ship, being taken as the registered tonnage, and, in the case of a foreign ship, being measured according to the rules of measurement provided in the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894.

Penalty for assisting
labourer to enter
W.A., or having
entered to go south
of 27°.

7. Every person who—

Wilfully assists any labourer to enter Western Australia in contravention of this Act ; or

Wilfully assists any labourer, being already in Western Australia, to enter that part thereof which is south of the twenty-seventh parallel of south latitude,

shall be liable, on conviction, to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds for each labourer so assisted, or to be imprisoned, with or without hard labour, for a period not exceeding twelve months.

Liability of master and owners of vessel for illegal landing of labourers.

8. The master and owners of every vessel from which any labourer is landed in Western Australia, in contravention of this Act, shall be jointly and severally liable in a penalty of one hundred pounds for each labourer so landed.

The vessel may be arrested and sold by order of the Supreme Court in satisfaction of any such penalty, or may be refused a clearance outward until such penalty has been paid, and until provision has been made by the master or owners to the satisfaction of an officer appointed under this Act for the conveyance out of the Colony of each labourer who has been so landed.

Contract for carrying away labourers contravening Act.

9. An officer thereto authorized by the Governor may make a contract with the master, owners, or agent of any vessel for the conveyance of any labourer who is found to be in Western Australia, or any part thereof, in contravention of this Act, to a port in or near to such labourer's country of birth, or in or near to the place from which he set out for Western Australia; and every such labourer, with his personal effects, may be placed by a police officer on board such vessel, and shall, in such case, if destitute, be supplied with a sufficient sum of money to enable him to live for one month according to his circumstances in life after disembarking from such vessel.

No labourer to be imported unless a contract has been previously made.
48 Vict., 25, s. 4.

10. No labourer shall be imported or brought into Western Australia unless a contract, as hereinafter provided for, shall have been previously entered into with such labourer, and every person who shall cause a labourer to be brought or imported into the Colony contrary to this provision of this Act shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding one hundred pounds for every labourer so brought or imported.

Place where such contract shall be made.

Ib., s. 5.

11. Every such contract shall be entered into with the labourer, by the employer or his agent, at the port or place at which such labourer is shipped and previously to such shipment; and every such contract shall be entered into before, and signed by, a British or Dutch authority, or the authority of a European Government designated by the Governor by a notice published in the *Government Gazette*, for the purpose of approving such contracts in the country where the contract is made.

Requisites and form of such contract.

Ib., part s. 6.

12. The contract shall be in the Form A in the schedule hereto, or to the like effect, and shall be in writing, signed or marked by the employer or his agent and by the labourer; and it shall specify the nature of the employment, the period of the service (which shall not exceed three years), the amount of wages, the times of payment thereof, and that rations be supplied, substantial, sufficient, and suitable for the labourer. The contract shall also contain stipulations by the employer that the labourer shall be provided with fit and proper lodging during the period of his engagement, and that he shall be returned to the port or place of his shipment, at the expense of the employer, at the end of the period of service; and that medical attendance shall be provided by the employer, at his expense, for the labourer, when practicable and necessary, unless the illness of the labourer shall have been caused by his own improper act or fault.

Place of landing.

Ib., part s. 12.

13. No labourer shall be landed on his first arrival except at a port which is a regularly appointed seat of magistracy, or which has been notified by the Governor in the *Government Gazette* to be a place where labourers may be landed within the Colony under this Act.

List of imported labourers to be given before landing.

Ib., ss. 7 and 8 abridged.

14. The master of every vessel which shall arrive at any port or place of landing within the Colony, having on board any labourer or labourers as aforesaid, shall, as soon as possible after arrival, and before any labourer is landed, give to the principal officer of Customs or of Police, or other officer authorized by the Governor in that behalf, at or nearest to the said port or place of landing, a complete list of all such labourers, in the form or to the effect of the Form marked B in the schedule hereto, and containing the particulars therein set out.

Medical certificate to be also given.

Ib., s. 10, with addition.

15. (1) The master of every vessel arriving with labourers on board as aforesaid shall also, as soon as possible after arrival and before any labourer is landed, give to the officer aforesaid a medical certificate in respect of each of such labourers certifying as to his apparent age, and that he is free from disease and of a sound constitution, and, if he has been vaccinated, stating the fact.

Requisites and form of medical certificate.

Ib., s. 11.

(2) Such medical certificate may be in the Form C in the schedule hereto, and may be signed at the port or place of shipment of such labourer by a person authorized to practise as a physician or surgeon by any law in force in any of Her Majesty's Dominions, or may be signed at the port or place of landing of such labourer by a Government medical officer.

Person importing labourer to deposit with Magistrate an undertaking to pay for labourer's return.

16. Every person importing a labourer into Western Australia shall, before the landing of such labourer, sign and deposit with the Magistrate of the district in which such labourer is to be landed an undertaking by himself, with two sureties to be approved by the Magistrate, to the effect of the Form D of the schedule hereto, for the payment of the expenses of returning such labourer to the port from which he embarked. No stamp duty shall be chargeable on such undertaking.

Magistrate's receipt to be delivered to officer of Customs.

Labourer landing before delivery of Magistrate's receipt may be arrested and sent back.

Penalty for contravention of two last preceding sections.

Vaccination of unvaccinated labourer.

Verification of contract before a Magistrate.

Ib., s. 13.

Counter-signature and registration of contract.

Ib., s. 14.

Rescission of contract by mutual consent.

Ib., s. 15.

On termination of contract employer to return labourer to the port from which he was shipped.

The Magistrate shall retain such undertaking, and shall give to the employer a certificate of having received the same in the Form E in the schedule hereto, and such employer shall deliver the certificate to the officer of Customs at the port or place where the labourer is to be landed.

Every labourer who lands or is landed within the Colony before such certificate has been received by the officer of Customs, as hereby required, may be arrested, without any other warrant than this Act, by any member of the police force, and taken on board the vessel from which he has landed, or, if such vessel has put to sea, such labourer may be detained in custody until such certificate has been received as aforesaid, and if, after notice given by the officer of Customs to the employer of the landing of such labourer as aforesaid, such certificate is not so received within a reasonable time, the officer of Customs may send back the labourer to the port from which he was shipped, at the expense of, and without compensation to, the employer.

17. Every master of a vessel and every other person who knowingly lands any labourer in the Colony, without the requirements of the three last preceding sections being complied with, shall be deemed to have landed such labourer in contravention of this Act.

18. Every labourer who does not appear, by the medical certificate required by this Act, to have been vaccinated shall, either before or immediately after his arrival, be vaccinated by the Government medical officer at the port or place of landing, and every person employing or harbouring any labourer who has not been vaccinated shall be guilty of an offence against this Act.

19. Within fourteen days after the landing of any labourer within the Colony, or within such extended time as to the Magistrate in his discretion may seem necessary and proper, the employer or his agent and the labourer shall go before the Magistrate of the port of landing, and the employer or his agent shall produce the contract entered into between the parties as aforesaid, and the employer shall prove to the satisfaction of the Magistrate that the contract has been entered into before and signed by a British or Dutch authority, or the authority of some European Government designated by the Governor by a notice published in the *Government Gazette*, for the purpose of approving such contracts in the country where the contract has been made.

20. If the Magistrate is satisfied that the contract was entered into before and signed by an authority as aforesaid, and that the particulars required are correctly indorsed, he shall countersign the description indorsed on such contract, and deliver it to the employer or his agent, and it shall thenceforth be deemed to be a valid contract under this Act between the employer and the labourer, and a duplicate copy of such contract, signed or marked and countersigned as aforesaid, shall be given by the employer or his agent to the Magistrate, and shall be filed by him in the office of his court; and the Magistrate shall cause the particulars of every such contract to be entered in a book to be kept in his office and to be called "The Imported Labour Registry Book."

If the Magistrate is not satisfied that the contract was entered into before and signed by such authority as aforesaid, he may adjourn the matter for further evidence; and, if not satisfied at such adjournment, shall order that the labourer be returned to the place of his shipment by the Government at reasonable expense, which the employer shall defray: Provided that if any employer or his agent shall be proved, to the satisfaction of the Magistrate, to have brought labourers to the Colony by the use of force or fraud, he shall be subject, in addition to any penalty otherwise provided, to a penalty of fifty pounds in respect of each labourer so brought.

21. Any contract made under this Act may, at any time after the counter-signature thereof as aforesaid, be rescinded or amended by mutual consent of the parties thereto, in the presence of a Magistrate, and not otherwise, provided that the employer shall produce the copy of the contract retained by him, and the Magistrate upon being satisfied that the parties to the contract both wish to rescind or amend the same, and that such rescission or amendment is not to the prejudice of the labourer, shall destroy or amend the copy so produced to him as aforesaid, and shall make and sign a memorandum of such rescission or amendment, and of the date thereof, on the duplicate copy of the contract, which shall remain filed in the office of his court, and he shall also cause a note of such rescission or amendment, with the date thereof, to be entered against the particulars of the contract in the aforesaid book. Except as aforesaid, and as provided by section 27, no contract under this Act shall be rescinded.

22. (1) On the termination by effluxion of time, rescission, or otherwise of the contract of service on which a labourer has been brought into this Colony, the employer who was party to that contract shall, at the first available opportunity, at his own expense cause such labourer to be returned to the port or place from which he was shipped: Provided that, if the labourer, after the termination of

the contract as aforesaid, enters into a new and subsequent contract of service as hereinafter mentioned, the duty hereby imposed on the original and every subsequent employer shall be suspended until the termination of any such one or more subsequent contracts.

(2) If any such labourer is found within the limits of this Colony, without being under an unexpired contract of service made under this Act or the Act hereby repealed, any Magistrate may forthwith cause such labourer to be returned as aforesaid, and for such purpose may issue his warrant for the arrest and detention of any such labourer in any gaol or lock-up until he can be placed on board ship, and the original employer of such labourer shall be liable to the cost of returning such labourer as aforesaid, and the last employer of such labourer shall also be liable to a fine of fifty pounds, unless such employer proves to the satisfaction of the court —

- (a) That sufficient time to enable such labourer to be returned as aforesaid has not elapsed since the termination of his contract of service ; or
- (b) That such labourer had entered into a new and subsequent contract of service as hereinafter mentioned, and that such employer had had no notice or insufficient notice of the termination of such contract ; or
- (c) That such labourer has refused to return as aforesaid, or has otherwise prevented such return, and such employer has given notice, in writing, of such refusal or prevention as soon as practicable to the chief officer of police of the district wherein such employer resides and to the Magistrate, to whom the undertaking was given in pursuance of this Act.

Labourer may enter into fresh contract.

23. (1) On or before the termination by effluxion of time, rescission, or otherwise of any contract of service made under this Act or the Act hereby repealed, the labourer who was a party to such contract may, with the written approval of the Magistrate, enter into a new and subsequent contract for service for any period not exceeding three years under any employer or person willing to employ him ; but such new and subsequent service shall not commence before the date of the termination of the previous contract.

Requisites of contract.

(2) No such new and subsequent contract shall be valid or have any effect unless—

- (a) The consent in writing of the last employer of the labourer making such contract is obtained thereto ; and
- (b) A copy of such contract is, as soon as practicable after the making thereof, sent to the Magistrate to whom the undertaking was given as required by this Act, and a copy of such contract is also given to the labourer making such contract ; and
- (c) Such contract is in writing and contains all the specifications and stipulations required in a contract for service as hereinbefore provided, and bears an indorsement containing the like particulars as are required in the case of an original contract ; and
- (d) Such contract is signed, or marked in lieu of signature, by the contracting parties in the presence of an attesting witness who has no interest directly or indirectly in the subject matter thereof.

When labourer has served term of imprisonment and contract is terminated, employer to send him back.

24. Whenever any labourer, being a party to a contract for service under this Act or under the Act hereby repealed, is sentenced to any term of imprisonment—

- (1) If the contract expires after the time of the committal of the offence in respect of which such punishment is imposed, and before the termination of such imprisonment, such labourer shall, on the termination of his imprisonment, be sent back to the port or place from which he was shipped at the expense of the first employer of such labourer, and may be detained in custody until he can be placed on board ship.
- (2) If the contract is unexpired at the termination of such imprisonment, such labourer shall be sent back to the place of employment under such contract at the expense of the employer of the labourer thereunder.

Provided that no wages shall be payable to such labourer during the period of his imprisonment ; and provided further that it shall be optional with the employer to compel such labourer to remain in his service under his agreement for a further period equal to the aggregate terms of imprisonment served by him during the term of his agreement.

Runaway labourers to be reported.

Police may arrest labourer deserting employment or not being under contract.

Labourers not to be employed on any mine or in any gold-fields township.

Recovery of expenses.

Penalty for contravention of Act.

Contracts to be subject to the Masters and Servants Act.

Ibid., s. 18.

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Ibid., s. 19.

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Ibid., s. 20.

Forgery of contracts or medical certificates.

Ibid., s. 21.

Certain sections of 16 Vict., No. 11, incorporated.

Ibid., s. 23.

Application of Act. See *Ibid.*, s. 24.

25. Every employer shall forthwith report, in writing, to a Magistrate or any police constable the desertion of any labourer from his employment or disappearance therefrom for a period of three days; and if such employer shall neglect to make such report within seven days after such desertion or disappearance, he shall, on conviction, be subject to a penalty not exceeding twenty-five pounds.

26. Any labourer brought into this Colony under this Act or the Act hereby repealed who has deserted the employment in respect of which he has entered into a contract before the termination by effluxion of time, rescission as aforesaid, or otherwise of such contract, and any such labourer who, after the date of such termination, is found within the limits of the Colony and does not produce, when required so to do, a copy of an unexpired contract for service made under the Act or the Act hereby repealed, may be arrested without any other warrant than this Act, by any member of the police force, and detained in custody until he is returned to the port or place from which he was shipped or is otherwise dealt with at the expense of the employer as herein provided.

27. No labourer brought into Western Australia under this Act or the Act hereby repealed shall be employed in any mining operation or work incidental thereto, or in connection therewith, or in any township in any goldfield. Every person employing any such labourer in contravention of this section shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine of not less than ten nor exceeding fifty pounds for every labourer so employed. Every labourer found so employed shall be liable to be dealt with, and the like consequences shall ensue, as if he had been found in this Colony without being under an unexpired contract of service made under this Act or under the Act hereby repealed.

28. All expenses of and incidental to the arrest, detention, and return of any labourer, as aforesaid, may be recovered summarily from any person liable for the same under this Act before any two Justices in Petty Sessions, by an officer of Customs or Police, under the provisions of the Ordinance passed in the fourteenth year of the reign of Her present Majesty and numbered five.

29. Every person guilty of any offence in contravention of this Act for which no penalty is herein specially provided shall be liable, on conviction, to a fine not exceeding twenty pounds.

30. All contracts under this Act are to be subject to the provisions of the Masters and Servants Act, 1892, and upon conviction of any labourer, or upon order made against any employer, under that Act, it shall be lawful for the convicting Magistrate, Justice, or Justices to rescind the contract with such labourer; and such Magistrate, Justice, or Justices shall forthwith cause a note of such rescission to be transmitted to the Magistrate having custody of the book in which the said contract is registered, who shall cause a note of such rescission, with the date thereof, to be entered therein.

31. The employer for the time being of any labourer within the Colony, whenever requested thereto by any officer of Customs or of Police, or other officer having and producing a written authority signed by a Magistrate or Justice of the Peace, and authorizing such officer to make the above request, shall, at the place of occupation of such labourer, produce such labourer to such officer, or to the said Magistrate or Justice, at all reasonable times. If any employer shall fail to produce a labourer when requested as aforesaid, he shall be liable to a penalty of not less than two pounds and not exceeding ten pounds for every such default, unless he shall prove, to the satisfaction of the Magistrate or Justice or Justices before whom the case shall be heard, that there was some reasonable ground or excuse for the non-production of such labourer as aforesaid.

32. All offences under this Act made punishable by any penalty shall be summarily punishable upon conviction before a Magistrate or a Justice or Justices of the Peace, according to the provisions of the Acts in that behalf.

33. Every person who shall forge, or alter, or who shall produce or make use of, knowing the same to be forged or altered with intent to defraud, any contract, undertaking, receipt, or medical certificate as aforesaid, shall be guilty of felony, and, being convicted thereof, shall be liable to be kept in penal servitude for any term not exceeding five nor less than three years, or to be imprisoned, with or without hard labour, for any term not exceeding two years.

34. Sections A, E, G, and H of the Shortening Ordinance, 1853, shall be incorporated with and taken to form part of this Act, to all intents and purposes, and in as full and ample a manner, as if the said sections had been introduced and fully set forth in this Act.

35. This Act shall not apply (except in respect of vaccination) to any person brought into this Colony for employment in the pearlshell fishery or upon the Abrolhos Islands, and kept employed under contract in such fishery or upon such islands, or in temporary employment on shore, and only in that part of the coast of the Colony situate to the northward of the twenty-seventh parallel of south latitude, according and subject to the regulations authorized by the Acts in that behalf.

Regulations.

36. The Governor may from time to time make, alter, and repeal regulations for carrying out the provisions of this Act, and such regulations shall be published in the *Government Gazette* and shall be laid before the Parliament within fourteen days after such publication if the Parliament is then sitting, and otherwise within fourteen days of its next meeting, and when so published shall have the force of law and shall continue in force, unless altered or repealed as aforesaid, or disallowed by both Houses of Parliament.

In the name and on behalf of the Queen I hereby assent to this Act.

GERARD SMITH,
Governor.

SCHEDULE.

Section 12.

FORM A.

Date ———.

Memorandum of agreement made this day between *A. B.* of ———, of the first part, and *C.*, a native of ———, per ship ———, of the second part, whose description is indorsed hereon. The conditions are that the said *C.* engages to serve the said *A. B.* as a ——— and otherwise to make himself generally useful to the said *A. B.* within the Colony of Western Australia for the term of ———, and also to obey all the lawful and reasonable commands of the said *A. B.*, or of the said *A. B.*'s overseer or authorized agent during the said period, in consideration of which services the said *A. B.* doth hereby agree to pay to the said *C.* wages at the rate of £ ——— per annum, to be paid in money at the end of ———, and to provide him with daily rations, which shall be substantial, sufficient, and suitable for him, and with fit and proper lodging during the said term, and to defray the expense of the conveyance of the said *C.* to the place at which he is to be employed, and to provide the said *C.* with a free passage to ——— at the expiration of the said term of ———. Medical attendance shall be provided by the employer at his expense, when necessary and practicable, unless the illness of the labourer shall have been caused by his own improper act or fault.

In witness whereof they have affixed their signatures (or marks) to this document.

The above agreement was explained to the said *C.* in my presence, and was signed before me by the within-mentioned *A. B.* and *C.*, with their (or marks) at ———, the ——— day of ———, 18 —.

(Signed) ———.

Indorsement.

Name ———.
Apparent age ———.
Place of birth ———.
Place and date of shipment ———.
Calling or occupation ———.
Height, barefooted ———.
Complexion ———.
Marks ———.

Section 14.

FORM B.

List of Persons on board the Vessel (*name of ship*); whereof (*name of master*) is Master having on board at (*name of place*), in Western Australia, the following persons, apparently natives of India, China, Africa, or of the Islands in the Indian or Pacific Oceans, or of the Malayan Archipelago, and imported into the Colony as labourers or servants:—

Name.	Appa- rent Age.	Place of Birth.	Place where Shipped, and Date of shipment.	Calling or Occu- pation.	Height, barefooted.	Com- plexion.	Marks.	Name, Resi- dence, and Description of Employer.

Section 15.

FORM C.

Medical Certificate.

I hereby certify that I have this day examined (*name of the labourer examined*), being of the apparent age of ——— years, and that I find that he is free from disease and of a sound constitution.

(Signed) (*Name and Medical Qualification or Title of Examining Officer.*)

Place of examination ———.

Date ———.

* Add "and has been vaccinated," if such is the fact.

Section 16.

FORM D.

Employer's Undertaking to return Labourers.

The Imported Labour Registry Act, 1897.

In consideration of (*name of labourer*) being allowed to land in Western Australia, I, the undersigned *A. B.*, being the employer at whose request he has been brought to the Colony, do for myself and my personal representatives undertake with Her Majesty that I or they will, as and when required by the law in that behalf, bear the expense of the return of the said (*name of labourer*) to _____, the place where he was shipped.

And, for the consideration aforesaid, we, the undersigned, *C. D.* and *E. F.*, and each of us, give the like undertaking, but as sureties only for the said *A. B.*

Dated this _____ day of _____ 18 ____.

Signatures _____.

Section 16.

FORM E.

Magistrate's Receipt for Employer's Undertaking.

The Imported Labour Registry Act, 1897.

Received this _____ day of _____, 18 __, the undertaking of _____ (*employer*) for the return of _____ (*labourer*) to _____.

Signature _____.

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 85 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, palmirah, cocoanut, 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.

By His Excellency the Governor's command,

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

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 cocoanut 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.

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H. WHITE,
February, 1898. Government Recordkeeper.

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

Ceylon Technical College.

DEPARTMENT OF TELEGRAPHY AND ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING.

THE Department will open in March, and applications for admission are invited, and should be sent in before February 28.

The Entrance Examinations will be held at the College on February 28 at 10.30 A.M.

Forms of application and particulars of fees, examinations, and appointments are to be obtained from the superintendent of the College at Colombo.

Upwards of thirty-two appointments in the Postal Telegraph, and Railway Departments will be offered for competition among the students of the course.

Candidates who sought admission to this Department of the College last year will be good enough to write to the Superintendent and state whether they still wish their applications to be considered.

All candidates who send in applications on the prescribed forms will come up to Colombo for the Entrance Examination on February 28, without waiting to receive formal notification that their applications are accepted.

E. HUMAN,
Colombo, January 22, 1898. Superintendent.

A THIRD CLASS TELEGRAPH OFFICE was opened at Norwood, in the Central Province, on February 14, 1898.

F. W. VANE,
Assistant Postmaster-General.
Postmaster-General's Office,
Colombo, February 14, 1898.

Return of Immigrants and Emigrants at the Port of Colombo during the week ended February 16, 1898.

	Men.	Women.	Children.	Infants.	Total.
Immigrants (estate coolies)	656	149	136	57	997
Emigrants (all classes)	1827	362	62	25	2,276*

*Of these, 1,249 were estate coolies.

J. DONNAN,
Master Attendant.

Abstract of Cooly Labourers on Estates in the several Provinces during the Quarter ended September 30, 1897.

District.	No. of Estates.	No. of Immigrants.	No. of Births.	No. of Deaths.
<i>Western Province.</i>				
Kalutara ...	47	8,644	57	86
Colombo ...	35	5,085	44	33
<i>North-Western Province.</i>				
Kurunegala ..	74	3,312	20	14
<i>Southern Province.</i>				
Galle and Matara	29	3,315	26	28
<i>Central Province.</i>				
Kandy ...	477	110,088	993	719
Matale ...	84	1,165	5	4
Nuwara Eliya ...	251	85,525	489	330
<i>Province of Uva.</i>				
Badulla ...	109	34,696	229	133
<i>Province of Sabaragamuwa.</i>				
Ratnapura ...	47	8,833	71	63
Kegalla ...	123	34,685	293	231

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

E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.

NOTICES CALLING FOR TENDERS.

SEALED Tenders, marked on the envelopes "Tender for supply of Local Materials in the Western Province during 1898," at the under-mentioned stations, viz., Negombo and Kalutara, will be received at the Office of the Director of Public Works up to noon on Monday, February 28, 1898, from persons willing to contract for the under-mentioned services during the year 1898, keeping each district separate.

Tenders should be submitted in duplicate, the original being forwarded to the Director of Public Works and the duplicate direct to the Hon. the Auditor-General, both being required to be forwarded at the same time.

Negombo District.

Bamboos
Baskets, rattan
Bags, gunny, second-hand
Beeswax
Bricks, per 1,000, Colombo
Do. approved local
Cadjans, per 1,000, not less than 6 ft. long
Ceiling cloth
Cabook, 18 in. by 9 in. by 6 in., per 1,000
Glass, per sq. ft.
Indigo, per lb.
Lime, slaked, per bushel
Lime, washing, do.
Oil, cocoanut, per gallon
String, coir, per cwt.
Tiles, half-round, per 1,000, Colombo
Do. do. local
Twine, Bengal, per lb.
Jakwood, at per cub. ft., sawn to sizes, including rafters
Do. planks of 1 in. or 1½ in. per sq. ft.
Do. reapers, per 1,000 ft.
Cocoanut piles, &c., for canal work :—
Cocoanut piles, per 1,000 ft.
Do. beams do.
Do. slabs do.
Do. pegs do.
Do. planks do.

Kalutara District.

Bamboos
Baskets, rattan
Bags, gunny, second-hand
Beeswax
Bricks, per 1,000, Colombo
Do. approved local
Cabook, 18 in. by 9 in. by 6 in., per 1,000
Lime, slaked, per bushel
String, coir, per cwt.
Tiles, half-round, per 1,000, Colombo
Jakwood, at per cub. ft., sawn to sizes, including rafters

Jakwood planks of 1 in. or 1½ in., per sq. ft.

Do. reapers, per 1,000 ft.

Cocoanut piles, &c., for canal work :—

Cocoanut piles, per 1,000 ft.

Do. beams do.

Do. slabs do.

Do. pegs do.

Do. planks do.

The delivery of materials will be required to be made in any part of the several districts known as Negombo and Kalutara of the Public Works Department.

Samples of bricks, tiles, baskets, coir, and Bengal twine to be delivered at the Colombo Kachcheri before the tenders are opened.

For the supply of the articles enumerated, either as a whole or part, keeping each district separate.

The tenders are to be made on forms which will be supplied on application at the offices of the Government Agent at Colombo or of the Assistant Agent in Kalutara, and no tender will be considered unless it is furnished on the recognized form.

A deposit of Rs. 20 will be required before any forms are issued; and should any person decline to enter into the contract and bond for the whole or any part of his tender, such deposits shall be forfeited to the Crown. All other deposits will be returned upon the signature of the contract.

Sufficient sureties will be required to join in a bond for the due fulfilment of the contract for the supply of materials, and the persons whose contract shall be accepted for materials shall be bound by a cash deposit of Rs. 150 in each case, which must be hypothecated to Government, for the due fulfilment of such contract.

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 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 tenderers' own lawyers. And when bonds have been drawn by the tenderers' own lawyers, the name or stamp of the Procter who drafted the bond should be affixed to the document.

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

H. WARD,
for Director of Public Works.
Public Works Department,
Colombo, February 16, 1898.

SEALED. Tenders, marked on the envelopes "Tender for the supply of Rice, &c., for the use of the Giant's Tank Works," will be received up to noon on Monday, March 7, 1898, from persons willing to contract for the under-mentioned services from April 1 to December 31, 1898 :—

Best kallunda rice, at per bushel.
Collu, per bushel.
Gingelly, poonac, per cwt.
Straw (not pulavo), per lb.
Salt, per lb.
Fresh coral lime (unslaked), per bushel.

1. The tenders are to be made in duplicate on forms which will be supplied upon application at the office of the Government Agent, Jaffna, and the Assistant Government Agents' Offices at Mannar, Vavuniya, and Mullaitivu, and no tender will be considered unless it is furnished on the recognized form. The originals should be forwarded by the tenderers direct to the Director of Public Works and the duplicate direct to the Hon. the Auditor-General, both to be forwarded at the same time.

3. A deposit of Rs. 50 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 shall be forfeited to the Crown. All other deposits will be returned upon signature of a contract.

4. Cash security will be required for the due fulfilment of the contract. The amount of the security, and all other necessary information, can be ascertained upon application at the office of the Provincial Engineer, Jaffna.

5. 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.

6. Samples of articles to be deposited with the Provincial Engineer, Public Works Department, Jaffna, in sealed packets or bottles, labelled with the name of the tenderer, on or before March 7, 1898.

7. Any alterations made in the tender should bear the initials of the tenderers, 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 expense 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. And when bonds have been drawn by the tenderers' own lawyers, the name or stamp of the Proctor who drafted the bond should be affixed to the document.

H. WARD,

for Director of Public Works.

Public Works Department,
Colombo, February 8, 1898.

SEALED Tenders (in duplicate) from persons willing to contract for the supply of the under-mentioned articles for the use of Government from April 1 to December 31, 1898, will be received :—

To be marked on the envelopes "Tender for Cattle Food, Colonial Store," receivable up to 12 o'clock noon on Friday, March 11, 1898 :—

(1) Cotton seed (3) Ulundu
(2) Bovina (4) Raw rice

Deposit for tender forms, Rs. 25.

1. Tenders should be submitted in duplicate, the original being forwarded to the Colonial Storekeeper and the duplicate to the Hon. the Auditor-General, both being required to be forwarded at the same time.

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

3. The deposit must be made at the Treasury or Kachcheri, and the deposit receipt must be produced to the officer issuing the form of tender as his authority for making the issue.

4. No tender will be considered unless it is on such printed forms—to be obtained at the office of the Colonial Storekeeper—and unless accompanied by a letter signed by two responsible persons, whose addresses must be given, engaging to become sureties for the due fulfilment of the contract.

5. Samples should be deposited before the date on which tenders are to be received.

6. The amount of security to be given, and all other necessary information, can be ascertained on application at the Colonial Storekeeper's Office.

7. The person whose tender has been accepted by Government will be required to bear the expenses of having security bonds prepared for the due performance of his contract, which bonds will be subject to the approval of the Attorney-General, but may be drawn by the tenderer's own lawyers, in which case the name or stamp of the Proctor who drafted the bond should be affixed to the document. But if a contractor submits a security bond which does not bear the name or stamp of the lawyer who drafted it, he will be required to pay a fee of Rs. 10.50 to the Attorney-General for approving such bond.

8. The security bond should be furnished immediately on acceptance of tender being notified.

9. All alterations or erasures in tenders should bear the initials of the tenderers, otherwise the tenders will be treated as informal and rejected.

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.

Colonial Store,

JNO. ROOT,
Colombo, February 14, 1898. Colonial Storekeeper.

SALES OF UNSERVICEABLE ARTICLES.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned unserviceable canoes will be sold by public auction as follows :—

1 canoe, 18 ft. by 1 ft. 6 in. }	} at Trincomalee, on March 10, 1898, at 4 P.M.
1 canoe, 22 ft. by 2 ft. }	
1 canoe, 27 ft. 4 in. by 2 ft. ,	at Kallaravu, on March 14, 1898, at 9 A.M.
2 canoes, 25 ft. by 2 ft. }	} at Mutur, on March 22, 1898, at 9 A.M.
1 canoe, 22 ft. by 2 ft. }	
1 canoe, 22 ft. by 2 ft. ,	
1 canoe, 22 ft. by 2 ft. ,	at Verugal, on March 23, 1898, at 9 A.M.

Public Works Department,
Colombo, February 16, 1898.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned private property of prisoners who have died in jail will be sold by public auction at the Ratnapura Prison Gate at 7 A.M. on Tuesday, March 1, 1898 :—

Prison No.	Name.	Particulars of Private Property.
C 7,355	... P. H. Heenappu	1 sarong, 1 handkerchief, 1 piece of cloth, 1 kilotta, 1 betel bag
D 7,200	... J. Punchimahatmaya	1 sarong, 1 white cloth, 1 handkerchief, 1 leather belt

Ratnapura Prison,
February 15, 1898.

R. G. ANTHONISZ,
for Superintendent.

RETURN OF RAINFALL FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 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	1.07	0.58	13-14	3	N.E.	Mr. Bucknall
	Kalutara	36	3.49	1.90	11-12	4	N.E.	Mr. Pigott
	Labugama	375	7.19	4.35	25-26	9	N.	Mr. Samarakone
Central	Henaratgoda	33	2.53	1.44	15-16	7	N.E.	Mr. Silva
	Katugastota	1,500	3.92	2.50	12-13	5	S.W.	Mr. Price
	New Valley (Dikoya)	3,708	3.07	1.11	24-25	7	N.E.	Mr. Ward
	Helboda (Pussellawa)	3,300	4.50	1.48	11-12	9	N.E.	Mr. Gosset
	Yarrow Estate	3,400	6.75	2.50	11-12	8	N.E.	Mr. Shelley
	Peradeniya	1,540	2.92	1.60	12-13	7	N.E.	Mr. MacMillan
	Duckwari	3,300	8.62	3.55	12-13	12	N.E.	Mr. Spence
	Caledonia	4,273	—	—	—	—	—	Not received
	Pussellawa	3,000	4.73	1.85	12-13	7	N.E.	Mr. Crabbe
	Hakgala	5,581	10.08	2.95	12-13	12	Variable	Mr. Nock
	S. Wanarajah Estate	3,700	2.82	1.23	24-25	6	Variable	Mr. Tatham
	St. Andrew's (Maskeliya)	4,200	2.83	0.86	25-26	5	—	Mr. None
	Dalguse Est. (Shannon)	4,510	—	—	—	—	—	Not received
	Padupola	1,636	4.35	1.33	15-16	5	N.E.	Mr. Ward
Northern	Mylapitiya	1,707	4.16	1.85	12-13	8	Variable	Mr. Morgan
	Aluta	800	—	—	—	—	—	Not received
	Mullaittivu	12	8.40	2.06	12-13	12	N.E.	Mr. Sanmukam
	Jaffna	8	3.75	0.78	13-14	12	N.E.	Mr. Grant
	Mankulam (N. Road)	167	8.81	2.75	12-13	12	N.	Mr. Walker
	Elephant Pass	7	3.99	1.17	29-30	13	N.E.	Mr. Ludovici
	Vangalachettykulam	179	5.03	1.37	24-25	8	N.E.	Mr. Oorloff
	Point Pedro	24	1.74	0.50	13-14	5	N.E.	Mr. Pararachasinghe
	Jaffna College	9	1.06	1.02	31 Dec.—1	4	N.E.	Mr. Cooke
	Kayts	8	2.77	0.99	10-11	9	N.E.	Mr. Katuruwellpullai
	Kankasanturai	10	2.23	1.20	8-9	6	N.E.	Mr. Everts
	Pallai	24	3.12	0.85	14-15	9	N.E.	Mr. Ludovici
	Murikandy (N.-O. Road)	7	8.02	2.80	23-24	10	N.E.	Mr. Ludovici
	Nedunkeni	122	5.71	2.00	28-24	13	N.E.	Mr. Sanmukam
	Chavakachcheri	16	4.59	1.74	12-13	8	N.E.	Mr. Ludovici
	Udupiddi	35	1.92	0.54	10-11	8	N.E.	Mr. Hastings
	Marichchukaddi	14	4.67	2.37	13-14	10	N.E.	Mr. Thamotharam-
	Puliyadi Irakkam	—	4.74	1.50	11-12	7	N.E.	Mr. Herft [pillay
Southern	Ella Vella	262	2.60	1.40	12-13	7	E.	Mr. Smith
	Kekanadura	150	2.58	1.50	12-13	3	N.E.	Mr. Smith
	Denagama	286	3.97	2.50	13-14	5	N.E.	Mr. Smith
	Udukiriwila	235	4.19	1.83	12-13	3	N.E.	Mr. Lourensz
	Kirama	260	5.97	2.14	11-12	4	N.E.	Mr. Ismail
	Hali-ela	200	9.45	3.40	25-26	6	N.E.	Mr. Smith
	Tissamaharama	75	3.30	1.95	12-13	3	N.E.	Mr. Lucas
	Matara	15	7.36	3.80	11-12	5	N.E.	Mr. Smith
	Dandeniya	157	2.86	1.75	13-14	5	N.E.	Mr. Smith
	Urubokka	890	4.45	1.00	10-11	7	N.E.	Mr. Smith
	Elagala	121	3.10	0.85	13-14	5	N.E.	Mr. Lucas
	Tangalla	94	4.20	2.20	11-12	4	N.E.	Mr. Woodhouse
	Mamadola	56	5.91	3.12	13-14	4	N.E.	Mr. Ebert
	Irrakkamam	42	8.78	2.92	12-13	11	N.	Mr. Edge
	Devilana	136	6.10	1.92	24-25	7	Variable	Mr. Gregson
	Sagamata	40	6.75	3.20	11-12	9	N.	Mr. Edge
	Ambare	65	6.82	2.20	11-12	10	N.	Mr. Edge
	Kanthalai	150	—	—	—	—	—	Not received
Eastern	Allai	95	24.55	8.10	25-26	12	N.E.	Mr. Carte
	Rukam	120	7.30	2.10	12-13	8	N.	Mr. Gregson
	Periyakulam	20	11.44	5.09	22-23	11	Variable	Mr. Carte
	Chadaiyantalawa	57	3.57	1.18	10-11	9	N.E.	Mr. Edge
	Kalmunai	12	7.15	2.31	11-12	9	Variable	Mr. Edge
	Rotawewa	30	7.83	2.45	12-13	7	N.	Mr. Edge
	Lahugala	70	5.95	2.00	12-13	6	N.	Mr. Edge
	Nanila	30	9.55	3.00	12-13	7	N.	Mr. Edge
	Andankulam	41	16.17	6.36	22-23	11	Variable	Mr. Carte
	Manalpuddy	21	8.65	3.10	26-27	9	N.W.	Mr. Gregson
	Magalawewa	176	1.74	0.65	12-13	7	Variable	Mr. MacBride
	Maha Uswewa tank	160	3.11	1.15	13-14	9	N.E.	Mr. Drieberg
	Tenepitiya	9	2.53	0.90	21-22	6	N.E.	Mr. Simmons
	Batalagoda	—	4.26	1.62	12-13	8	—	Mr. Parker
North-Central	Kalawewa	268	—	—	—	—	—	Not received
	Maradankadawala	443	8.41	2.11	13-14	9	S.W.	Mr. Weinman
	Mihintale	354	10.33	3.10	23-24	7	N.E.	Mr. Silva
	Horowapotana	217	15.10	3.20	21-22	11	N.E.	Mr. Silva
	Madawachchiya	285	6.44	1.50	11-12	10	N.E.	Mr. Silva
	Topare	200	12.06	2.92	11-12	10	N.E.	Mr. Jayawardane
Uva	Bandarawela	3,800	6.59	1.83	13-14	10	N.E.	Mr. Tocke
	Haldumulla	3,160	9.57	2.20	14-15	7	N.W.	Mr. Emerson
	Kumbukkan	446	—	—	—	—	—	Not received
	Hambagamuwa	390	5.10	1.60	13-14	5	N.E.	Mr. Gunawardana
	Koslanda	—	4.19	2.00	12-13	5	N.W.	Mr. Emerson
Sabaragamuwa	Ambanpitiya	729	3.11	1.08	12-13	6	N.E.	Mr. Auwardt
	Pelmadulla	408	2.50	1.25	11-12	6	Variable	Mr. Clarke
	Kolonna korale (Hulanda-oya)	203	9.21	3.44	14-15	5	N.E.	Mr. Caspersz
	Avisawella	105	1.91	0.63	24-25	9	N.E.	Mr. Jeffery

Public Works Department,
Colombo, February 10, 1898.H. WARD,
for Director of Public Works.