Widows' and Orphans' Pension Fund.

No. 1 of 1890.

An Ordinance to amend "The Widows' and Orphans' Pension Fund Ordinance, 1885."

(See No. 20 of 1885.)

Preamble.

WHEREAS doubts have arisen relative to the rights and interests of officers borne on the provisional establishment of this colony with regard to the fund created under the provisions of Ordinance No. 15 of 1884 and Ordinance No. 20 of 1885, for providing pensions for widows and children of deceased public officers; and it is expedient to remove such doubts, and also to amend the Ordinance No. 20 of 1885 in the particulars hereinafter mentioned: Be it therefore enacted by the Governor of Ceylon, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:

To be read as one with the Ordinance No. 20 of 1885. Section 6 to have retrospective effect. 1 This Ordinance shall be read as one with the Ordinance No. 20 of 1885, herein referred to as the principal Ordinance, and section 6 of this Ordinance shall take effect as from and after the day on which the principal Ordinance came into operation.

Definitions : "Public officer."

2 The definition of "public officer" in section 2 of the principal Ordinance shall be taken and construed to include officers borne on the provisional establishment of this colony, provided that they otherwise are within the terms of such definition.

" Pension."

3 The term "pension" whenever used throughout the principal Ordinance in the sense of a pension on retiring from the public service, shall be taken and read as including "compassionate allowance" and "superannuation allowance."

"Appointment."

4 The term "appointment" in section 5 of the principal Ordinance shall mean appointment whether original or by way of promotion; and all public officers who upon their promotion have heretofore contributed to "The Widows' and Orphans' Fund" shall be taken and deemed to have lawfully so contributed within the true intent and meaning of the said Ordinance.

New enactment substituted for section 9 of Ordinance No. 20 of 1885, and section 11 repealed. 5 Sections 9 and 11 of the principal Ordinance are hereby repealed, and the following enactment is substituted in lieu of the former section:

A public officer who may retire from the public service, or who may be deprived of the situation in respect of which he contributed to the fund, but who shall not be granted a pension or compassionate or superannuation allowance, may continue to contribute to the fund from and after the date of his so retiring or being deprived of his situation, on the salary he was receiving at such date and at the same rate and subject to the same terms

and conditions as if he had continued in the public service. In the event of his failing so to continue to contribute, or in the event of any contribution due from him being six months in arrears, it shall be considered that he has ceased to contribute to the fund, and his widow or widow and children, as the case may be, shall be entitled on his death only to a pension computed on the basis of the interest acquired by such contributor in the fund at the date of his so retiring or being deprived of his situation, in accordance with the tables hereinafter referred to.

6 Upon the retirement on pension of a public officer who is a bachelor, such officer shall not be called upon to make any further contribution to "The Widows' and Orphans' Fund," and his interest in the said fund shall upon such retirement cease and determine, subject, however, to the right reserved to him by section 36 of the principal Ordinance to receive fifty per cent. of his past contributions.

Bachelors retiring on pension to cease to contribute.

19th April, 1890.