

No. 2 of 1892.

An Ordinance for the enrolment of Coast Defence Volunteers.

(See No. 3 of 1861.)

WHEREAS it is expedient to empower the Governor, in the event of anticipated war, to raise a special force of coast defence volunteers to assist in the service of submarine mine defences, or in any measures involving the employment of steamers, launches, boats, or other vessels: Be it therefore enacted by the Governor of Ceylon, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:

Preamble.

1 This Ordinance may be cited as "The Coast Defence Volunteers Ordinance, 1892."

Short title.

2 It shall be lawful for the Governor, if and whenever the immediate outbreak of war between Her Majesty and any foreign state is apprehended, or after such war has been declared, to raise a volunteer force of such strength as he may think fit, to be styled "Coast Defence Volunteers," for special services in connection with submarine mines, or the management of steamers, launches, boats, or other vessels which may be required for the purpose of the defence of this colony.

Governor may raise a coast defence volunteer force in case of apprehension of war between Her Majesty and any foreign state.

3 Such coast defence volunteers shall be engaged for a period of three months if war shall not be declared within that period, and if war shall be declared within that period,

Engagement of coast defence volunteer force.

* Proclaimed as coming into operation from and after August 1, 1892.

then further for the period of the war ; but the Governor shall have power to dismiss any member thereof, or to disband the force or any part of the force whenever he may see fit.

Governor may prescribe uniform for coast defence volunteers.

Governor may fix rate of pay.

“ Imperial Army Act, 1881,” to apply to coast defence volunteers.

Provisions of the Ordinances No. 3 of 1861, No. 8 of 1881, No. 9 of 1881, No. 11 of 1889, and No. 17 of 1890 to apply to coast defence volunteers.

4 The Governor shall prescribe a distinctive uniform for such coast defence volunteers.

5 The Governor shall fix the rate of pay for all members of the force, and shall lay down the proportion of the several ranks as he may think fit.

6 The provisions of “ The Imperial Army Act, 1881,” and of any other Imperial Act for the time being amending or superseding the same, shall apply to the coast defence volunteers from the date of their enrolment.

7 The provisions of the Ordinances No. 3 of 1861, No. 8 of 1881, No. 9 of 1881, No. 11 of 1889, and No. 17 of 1890 relating to volunteers, so far as they are not inconsistent with the foregoing provisions, shall apply to the coast defence volunteers as if they were a volunteer corps formed under the said Ordinances, and the coast defence volunteers shall, for the purposes of the said Ordinances, be deemed to have been called out and to be on active service from the date of their enrolment.

1st June, 1892.
