

*Marriages, Births, and Deaths.***No. 10 of 1892.****An Ordinance relating to the registration of Marriages,  
Births, and Deaths.***(See No. 6 of 1847, No. 13 of 1863, No. 18 of 1867, and No. 3 of 1870.)***Preamble.**

**W**HEREAS doubts have arisen as to the legality of the registration of marriages, births, and deaths in this colony, and it has become expedient to remove such doubts: Be it therefore enacted by the Governor of Ceylon, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:

**Irregular  
registration  
declared valid.**

**1** The solemnization and registration of all marriages, and the registration of all births and deaths, which shall have occurred up to the date of the coming into operation of this Ordinance, shall be as valid and effectual for all purposes intended by, or relating to, or connected with the provisions of the Ordinances No. 6 of 1847, No. 13 of 1863, No. 8 of 1865, No. 18 of 1867, No. 3 of 1870, and No. 9 of 1870, as if each and every of the registration districts had been duly established under the said Ordinances, and as if every person who had held, or who at the date of the coming into operation of this Ordinance is holding, the office of registrar of marriages, or the office of registrar of births and deaths, had been duly appointed registrar of marriages and registrar of births and deaths respectively.

**Entries in  
registration  
books declared  
valid.**

**2** Every entry appearing in the books kept or purported to be kept in conformity with the provisions of the said Ordinances No. 6 of 1847, No. 13 of 1863, No. 8 of 1865, No. 18 of 1867, No. 3 of 1870, and No. 9 of 1870, shall be deemed to be valid and effectual for the purposes of the said Ordinances.

**Saving clause.**

**3** Nothing in this Ordinance contained shall give any validity—

- (a) To the solemnization or registration of any marriage, or the registration of births and deaths, except so far as relates to defects thereof caused by the non-establishment, imperfect establishment, or accidental abolition of any registration district, or by the irregular appointment or non-appointment of any person acting or purporting to act as registrar; or
- (b) To any marriage that may heretofore have been declared invalid by a competent court; or
- (c) To any marriage invalid by reason of the non-establishment, imperfect establishment, or accidental abolition of any registration district, or of the irregular appointment or non-appointment of any person acting or purporting to act as registrar, when the parties or either of them have or has subsequently contracted a valid marriage.

**4** This Ordinance may be cited for all purposes as “The Marriages, Births, and Deaths Registration Amendment Ordinance, 1892,” and it shall come into operation from and after such date as the Governor shall appoint by Proclamation published in the *Government Gazette*. Short title.

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