

*Customs Duty.***No. 17 of 1892.****An Ordinance to exempt from Customs Duty official supplies consigned to certain Consular Officers of Foreign Countries.***(See No. 17 of 1869.)*

WHEREAS Her Majesty's consular officers in the United States of America enjoy the privilege of exemptions from customs duties in respect of official goods imported for the use of their consulates, and it is expedient that a corresponding privilege should be granted to the United States consular officer in this colony, and that provision should be made for extending a like exemption to the consular officers of any other foreign countries where now or at any future time a similar treatment may be accorded to British consular officers: 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 From and after the coming into operation of this Ordinance, the following shall not be liable to payment of customs duty:

Exemptions from customs duty.

- (a) All articles officially supplied to the United States consular officer in this colony by his Government for the use of his consulate.
- (b) All articles supplied in the like manner and for the like use to the consular officer of such other foreign country as the Governor may from time to time name in a notification published in the *Government Gazette*.

2 All articles consigned to any consular officer to whom this Ordinance applies shall be passed duty free on such officer delivering to the collector of customs a list of the articles, and certifying at the foot thereof that they are *bonâ fide* official supplies sent to him for the use of his consulate by his Government. Provided that all such articles shall, in case of the sale thereof after importation, be liable to and be charged with such and the same duties of customs as are ordinarily payable or charged on the like articles, and the officer in whose charge such articles may be shall furnish the collector of customs with the particulars of the sale thereof, and out of the proceeds of the same pay to the said collector the duties which may be due thereon.

Exemptions how obtained.
Certificate of consignee.

3 It shall be lawful for the Governor, by notification published in the *Government Gazette*, to cancel any previous notification under section 1, in which case this Ordinance shall cease to apply to the consular officer of such foreign country as may have been named in such cancelled notification.

Governor may cancel exemptions.

21st November, 1892.