

*Restriction of Imports and Exports.***No. 19 of 1920.****An Ordinance to Increase the Powers of the Governor for the Prohibition or Restriction of the Import or Export of Articles for a certain Period.***(Also see under No. 17 of 1869, Vol. I., page 734.)**[Date of Governor's assent : October 7, 1920.]**[Date of commencement : November 15, 1920.]*

WHEREAS by "The Necessaries of War Exportation Ordinance, No. 19 of 1914," as amended by Ordinance No. 1 of 1916, and "The Customs Amendment (War Powers) Ordinance, No. 30 of 1916," power was committed to His Excellency the Governor of prohibiting or restricting imports and exports during the present war :

Preamble.

And whereas it is expedient to make provision for the exercise of similar powers until the expiry of five years from the date appointed under the provisions of Ordinance No. 17 of 1919 to be the date for the termination of the war : Be it therefore enacted by the Governor of Ceylon, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows :

1 This Ordinance may be cited as "The Restriction of Imports and Exports Ordinance, No. 19 of 1920."

Short title.

2 This Ordinance shall come into operation on a date to be appointed by the Governor by Proclamation in the *Government Gazette*,* and shall continue in operation thereafter until the expiry of five years from the date of the termination of the present war.

Commencement and duration of Ordinance.

3 In this Ordinance the term "goods" shall include gold or silver coin, whether of the United Kingdom or of any other part of the British Empire, or of any foreign state.

Definition.

4 The Governor in Executive Council may, by Proclamation in the *Government Gazette*, either absolutely or subject to such limitations and conditions as may be defined in the Proclamation, prohibit or restrict the import or export of all or any goods from or to any country or place, or from or to any person or class of persons.

Governor in Executive Council may prohibit import or export of goods.

5 (1) The Principal Collector of Customs may issue licenses, subject to such conditions as may be therein contained, authorizing the exportation of any goods subject to prohibition under this Ordinance to a particular person or place, or to a particular person at a particular place named in the license, and the provisions of this Ordinance shall not apply to goods shipped in accordance with such license.

Principal Collector of Customs may issue licenses subject to conditions.

* Proclaimed from November 15, 1920, by Proclamation dated November 15, 1920, in *Government Gazette* No. 7,142 dated November 19, 1920.—*Edd.*

(2) In any such case the name of the person or place, or both, as the case may be, shall be inserted in all licenses, bills of lading, manifests, and other documents relating to the goods, and if this requirement is not complied with as regards any document, the person by whom or on whose behalf the document is made out shall, if he be the exporter of the goods, be deemed to have exported the goods without a license, and if any other person, shall be guilty of an offence, and be liable to a fine of one thousand rupees.

Goods appearing in Proclamation to be deemed to have been included in Schedule C of Ordinance No. 17 of 1869.

6 All goods, the importation of which is prohibited by any such Proclamation, and all prohibitions and restrictions therein specified shall be deemed to have been included and specified in the "Table of Prohibitions and Restrictions Inward" contained in Schedule C to Ordinance No. 17 of 1869, and all the provisions of the said Ordinance and all amendments thereof shall apply to such goods and such prohibitions and restrictions in the same manner and to the same effect as they apply to goods and prohibitions and restrictions specified in the said schedule.

Penalties.

7 If any person shall, in breach of any such Proclamation, or in breach of the conditions of a license, which may have been issued to him under section 5 hereof, import or export or attempt to import or export any of the goods therein named or indicated, he shall be guilty of an offence, and be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding one thousand rupees, or to imprisonment of either description for any period not exceeding twelve months, and the goods in respect of which the offence is committed shall be forfeited.

Repeal.

8 Ordinance No. 30 of 1916 shall stand repealed as and from the date on which this Ordinance shall come into operation.