

J. R. LONGDEN.

An Ordinance for the regulation and government of Boatmen employed in Licensed Boats.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is necessary that provision should be made for regulating and governing boatmen to be employed in licensed boats under the provisions of the Masters Attendant's Ordinance, 1865: **IT IS HEREBY ENACTED BY THE GOVERNOR OF CEYLON**, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

To be construed as one with the Masters Attendant's Ordinance, 1865. Short title.

1. **THIS** Ordinance shall be construed as one with "The Masters Attendant's Ordinance, 1865," hereinafter referred to as the principal Ordinance, and may be cited as "The Boatmen's Ordinance, 1880."

Ordinance to apply to Colombo, with power to Governor and Executive Council to extend it to other ports.

2. **THIS** Ordinance shall extend to the port of Colombo only, but the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, may by Proclamation extend it to any other port or ports to which the provisions of the principal Ordinance extend.

Interpretation.

3. **THE** term "licensed boat" shall mean any licensed boat when employed in carrying passengers for hire.

Boatmen to be licensed.

4. **FROM** and after the first day of January, 1881, every person to be employed as a boatman in, or to serve as one of the crew, or in any capacity on board of, any licensed boat, shall be duly licensed for that purpose as hereinafter provided.

Master Attendant to keep register of licensed boatmen; particulars to be entered therein; and shall issue licenses to boatmen.

5. **IT** shall be the duty of the Master Attendant to register in a book to be kept for that purpose, and to be called "The Register of Licensed Boatmen," in numerical order, the name, description, and such other particulars as may be necessary for identification, of every person applying to be licensed to be employed as a boatman, and he shall thereupon issue to such person a license to be employed as aforesaid, which license shall bear the registered number of the applicant, and shall be in the form in the schedule hereto, and shall be in force for such time as shall be mentioned therein, and the date of such license, together with the period for which it shall be granted, shall be registered in the "Register of Licensed Boatmen." Provided however that the Master Attendant may, for good cause, refuse to issue a license to any person applying therefor, and may from time to time renew any license which may have expired, and such refusal or renewal shall be duly registered in the register.

May refuse to issue license.

Licensed boatmen to have badges and to wear them.

6. **THE** Master Attendant shall cause to be delivered to each licensed boatman a badge of uniform pattern, bearing thereon the number of his license, the cost of which shall be paid by the person to whom the same is delivered, and it shall be the duty of every

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licensed boatman, when acting as such, to wear such badge conspicuously exposed upon his person; and in case the owner of such badge shall at any time satisfy the Master Attendant that such badge has been lost or destroyed, it shall be lawful for the Master Attendant to cause another badge to be delivered to such boatman upon his paying the cost thereof.

Provision for lost badges.

7. ALL boatmen licensed under this Ordinance shall be subject and liable to the orders, directions, and control of the Master Attendant, who is hereby invested with full power and authority to carry into execution the provisions of this Ordinance.

Boatmen to be under control of Master Attendant.

8. RULES for the government of licensed boatmen under this Ordinance shall from time to time be prepared by the Master Attendant, which rules, when approved by the Governor with the advice of the Executive Council, and published in the *Government Gazette*, shall have the effect of law;—and the Master Attendant shall cause every licensed boatman, and the tinal of every licensed boat, to be furnished with a copy of such rules in the English, Sinhalese and Tamil languages.

Master Attendant with approval of the Governor and Executive Council may make rules for the government of licensed boatmen. Every boatman and tinal to be furnished with a copy of such rules.

9. THE following shall be offences under this Ordinance:

Offences.

- (1.) Any person who shall employ, or permit to be employed, or to act, or to serve as a boatman, or as one of the crew, or in any capacity on board, of a licensed boat, any unlicensed person;
- (2.) Any unlicensed person who shall be employed, or who shall act, or serve as a boatman, or as one of the crew, or in any capacity on board, of a licensed boat;
- (3.) Any licensed boatman who shall violate any rule to be made under the authority of this or the principal Ordinance;
- (4.) Any licensed boatman who shall act as such, without wearing his proper badge exposed in a conspicuous manner;
- (5.) Any licensed boatman who shall disobey any lawful order given by the Master Attendant;
- (6.) Any licensed boatman who, while employed as such, shall use violent or abusive language to any passenger, or who shall threaten or molest any passenger, or who shall by any means extort any money from any passenger;
- (7.) Any unlicensed person who shall use or exhibit with intent to deceive, a boatman's badge, or any false badge, intended to represent, or representing a licensed boatman's badge;
- (8.) Any licensed boatman who shall use or exhibit any badge other than his own;

and the offender shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty rupees, or to imprisonment with or without hard labour for any period not exceeding one month.

Penalties.

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Master Attendant may suspend or cancel boatman's license.

10. IF any licensed boatman shall be convicted of any offence against this Ordinance, the Master Attendant may, in addition to any penalty which may have been imposed upon the offender, suspend or cancel the license of such boatman, and any boatman whose license shall have been suspended as aforesaid, shall for the purpose of this Ordinance during the period of such suspension, be deemed an unlicensed person.

When boatman's license has been cancelled or suspended, entry thereof to be made in register, and license and badge to be delivered up. Cost of badge to be returned when license expires. Penalty on neglecting to deliver up license and badge.

11. WHEN the license of any boatman shall have expired and shall not have been renewed, or when it has been cancelled or suspended, under the provisions of the previous section, the Master Attendant shall cause an entry thereof to be made in the Register, and the boatman whose license shall have expired and shall not have been renewed, or whose license shall have been cancelled, or suspended, shall forthwith deliver up to the Master Attendant his license and badge, and it shall be the duty of the Master Attendant to return to the person whose license shall have expired and shall not have been renewed, or whose license shall have been cancelled, the original cost of such badge, and to return to the person whose license has been suspended his license and badge, when his period of suspension has expired; and any licensed person who shall neglect, or refuse to deliver up his license and badge as required by this section shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty rupees, or to imprisonment with or without hard labour for any period not exceeding one month.

Any police court to have jurisdiction over offences.

12. ANY police court shall have jurisdiction over any offence against this Ordinance.

SCHEDULE.

License No.

By the Master Attendant of the port of _____.

This is to license _____ as a boatman, under the "Boatmen's Ordinance 1880," for the port of _____, for the period of _____ from the date hereof.

Dated

A. B.
Master Attendant.

Passed in Council this third day of November, One thousand Eight hundred and Eighty.

J. A. SWETTENHAM,
Clerk to the Council.

Assented to by His Excellency the Governor this Tenth day of November, One thousand Eight hundred and Eighty.

J. DOUGLAS,
Colonial Secretary.