

**No. 8.—1880.**

**J. R. LONGDEN.**

*An Ordinance to amend "The Stamp  
Ordinance, 1871."*

**W**HEREAS "The Stamp Ordinance, 1871," requires amendment: Preamble.  
IT IS HEREBY ENACTED BY THE GOVERNOR  
OF CEYLON, with the advice and consent of the Legislative  
Council thereof, as follows :—

1. THIS Ordinance may be cited as "The Stamp Ordinance Short title,  
1871 Amendment Ordinance 1880," and shall be construed as one  
with "The Stamp Ordinance, 1871."

The word "money" to include every currency.

How value of "money" stated in other than Ceylon currency, is to be ascertained.

Instruments stamped in accordance with statement of current rate of exchange to be regarded as duly stamped.

If more than one instrument is written on the same piece of material each to be separately stamped.

An instrument relating to distinct matters such matters to be separately stamped.

2. THE word "money" as used in the said ordinance and in this ordinance shall be construed to include all sums whether expressed in Ceylon, British, Foreign or Colonial currency.

3. WHEN in any instrument any money is stated or expressed in pounds sterling, francs, or dollars, the value of such pounds sterling, francs, or dollars in Ceylon currency for the purposes of the said Ordinance shall be calculated according to the following scale:—

One pound sterling is equivalent to ten rupees.

One franc is equivalent to forty cents.

One Mexican, American or China dollar is equivalent to two rupees twenty-five cents.

One Mauritius dollar is equivalent to two rupees.

And when in any instrument any money is stated or expressed in other than Ceylon currency, pounds sterling, francs, or dollars, the value of such money in Ceylon currency for the purposes of the said ordinance shall be calculated according to the current rate of exchange on the day of the date of the instrument.

4. WHEN an instrument contains a statement of current rate of exchange and is stamped in accordance with such statement, it is, so far as regards the subject matter of such statement, to be deemed duly stamped, unless or until it is shewn that such statement is untrue, and that the instrument is in fact insufficiently stamped.

5. IF more than one instrument be written upon the same piece of material, every one of such instruments is to be separately and distinctly stamped with the duty with which it is chargeable.

6. EXCEPT where express provision to the contrary is made, an instrument containing or relating to several distinct matters is to be separately and distinctly charged with duty, as if it were a separate instrument in respect of each of such matters.

Passed in Council the Tenth day of November, One thousand Eight hundred and Eighty.

J. A. SWETTENHAM,  
Clerk to the Council.

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

J. DOUGLAS,  
Colonial Secretary.

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