

J. R. LONGDEN.

An Ordinance to amend the Law relative to the Distillation and sale of Arrack, Rum, and Toddy within these Settlements. Title.

WHEREAS the Ordinance No. 10 of 1844, intituled "An Ordinance to amend the Law relative to the distillation and sale of Arrack, Rum, and Toddy within these Settlements" requires amendment in the particulars hereinafter mentioned, it is hereby enacted by the Governor of Ceylon, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows :— Preamble.

1. So much of the 11th clause of the said Ordinance as authorizes the Government Agent to demand and receive the sum of three pounds before granting any license for the distillation of Partial repeal of clauses 11 and 20.

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spirits and so much of the 20th clause as requires payment to the Government Agent of the sum of three pounds before he shall issue a license to deal wholesale in spirits, shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

Distiller's license and wholesale dealer's license to cost Rs. 100.

2. It shall be lawful for the Government Agent to demand and receive the sum of one hundred rupees for every license for the distillation of spirits under the eleventh clause of the said Ordinance, and also one hundred rupees for every license to deal by wholesale in spirits under the 20th clause of the said Ordinance, before granting any such license.

Proof of negative to be on the defendant.

3. In any prosecution for any offence against the said Ordinance, if the information or plaint in any such case shall negative any exemption, proviso, or condition in the said Ordinance, it shall not be necessary for the prosecutor or complainant in that behalf to give any evidence of such negative, but the defendant or accused may prove the affirmative thereof in his defence, if he would have advantage of the same.

Passed in Council the Twenty-third day of November, One thousand Eight hundred and Eighty-one.

J. A. SWETTENHAM,
Clerk to the Council.

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

J. DOUGLAS,
Colonial Secretary.