

J. R. LONGDEN. *

Title. An Ordinance to make temporary provision for securing the Status of French Mail Steamers within the Ports of this Colony.

Status of Messageries Maritimes steamers.

BE it enacted by the Governor of Ceylon, with the advice of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

1. The Steam Packets of the Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes, employed by the French Post Office in carrying Mails to and from this Colony, shall, when in the ports of this Colony, be considered and treated as vessels of war, and shall be entitled to all the rights, privileges and immunities of vessels of war, and shall not for any cause be diverted from their special duties, or be liable to seizure or detention by order of any Court or Judge.

2. Nothing contained in this Ordinance, and no rights or privileges hereby granted, shall affect the rights of Her Majesty the Queen, Her Heirs or Successors.

Saving rights of Crown.

3. This Ordinance shall continue in force until the 31st December, 1882.

Expiry of Ordinance.

Passed in Council the Thirtieth 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 Seventh day of December, One thousand Eight hundred and Eighty-one.

J. DOUGLAS,
Colonial Secretary.