Volunteer Corps.

No. 9.-1881.

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Title.

An Ordinance further to amend the Ordinance No. 3 of 1861, intituled "An Ordinance to authorize the formation of Volunteer Corps in this Colony, and to provide for the good order and discipline thereof."

Preamble.

WHEREAS by the 5th and 6th clauses of the Ordinance No. 3 of 1861, intituled "An Ordinance to authorize the formation of Volunteer Corps in this Colony, and to provide for the good order and discipline thereof," it is provided that rules and regulations of such corps of Volunteers shall be made by the persons forming such corps, or the majority thereof, for certain purposes therein mentioned, which rules and regulations, when allowed by the Governor with the consent of the Executive Council, and published in the Government Gazette, shall be valid and binding upon the persons belonging to the said corps and all other persons affected thereby:

And whereas it is desirable that powers should be given to the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, to make rules and regulations for the government of Volunteer Corps now or hereafter to be established under the said Ordinance, and also to repeal the said 5th and 6th clauses of the said Ordinance, and to empower such Volunteer Corps to make rules and regulations with regard to the matters hereinafter particularly mentioned: Be it enacted by the Governor of Ceylon, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

Repealing clause.

Governor in Council may make regulations for certain objects.

- The 5th and 6th clauses of the said Ordinance shall be and the same are hereby repealed.
- 2. The Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, may from time to time make regulations respecting anything required to be done or provided by the said Ordinance, and also such regulations as may seem fit, not being inconsistent with any of the provisions of the said Ordinance, respecting—
 - (a) The appointment and promotion of officers;
 - (b) The assembling and proceedings of courts of enquiry to enquire into and report on any matter connected with the government or discipline of a Volunteer Corps;
 - (c) For the full execution of the said recited Ordinance No. 3 of 1861, and the general government and discipline of any Volunteer Force;

and may alter or repeal any such regulations, and may call for such returns as may from time to time seem requisite; and such regulations or alterations regulating the same, when published in the *Gozette*, shall have the full force and effect of law.

3. The officers and volunteers belonging to a Volunteer Corps may from time to time make rules for the management of the property, finances, and civil affairs of the corps, and may alter or repeal any such rules, but any such rules shall not have

Officers and Volunteers may make rules for certain objects, subject to effect unless and until the commanding officer of the corps thinks fit to transmit the same for the approval of the Governor with the advice of the Executive Council, and such approval is notified to the commanding officer of the corps, to be by him further communicated to the corps, whereupon the rules so approved shall be binding on all persons.

approval of Governor in Council.

4. A copy of the rules in print or writing, or partly in print or partly in writing, certified under the hand of the commanding officer as a true copy of the rules, whereof the approval of the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been notified as aforesaid, shall be conclusive evidence of the rules of the corps.

Copies certified' by commanding officer conclusive evidence of rules.

5. This Ordinance shall commence and take effect from and after the date upon which Her Majesty's assent thereto shall have been proclaimed in the Government Gazette of the colony, and not sooner.

Date of Ordinance coming into operation.

 Nothing herein contained shall affect any right or prerogative of Her Majesty, her heirs, and successors. Reservation of Her Majesty's prerogative.

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

> J. A. SWETTENHAM, Clerk to the Council.

Assented to by His Excellency the Governor, this Fourteenth day of December, One thousand Eight hundred and Lighty-one.

J. Douglas, Colonial Secretary.