

No. 4.—1882.

J. R. LONGDEN.

Title. An Ordinance relating to the Emigration of Native Labourers from this Island under contract of Service.

Preamble. WHEREAS it is expedient to regulate the emigration of native labourers under contract of service to labour in places without the limits of this Island: It is hereby enacted by the Governor of Ceylon, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

Short title. 1. This Ordinance may be called "The Ceylon Emigration Ordinance, 1882," and shall come into force on the passing thereof.

Power to Governor, with the advice of Executive Council, to declare emigration lawful. 2. From and after the passing of this Ordinance the Governor may, with the advice of the Executive Council, from time to time by notification published in the *Government Gazette*, declare that the emigration of the native inhabitants of this Island shall be lawful to any place described in such notification, provided that every such notification shall contain also a declaration that the Governor has been duly certified that the Government of the place to which the notification refers has made such laws and other provisions as the Governor in Executive Council shall deem sufficient for the protection of the native inhabitants of Ceylon emigrating to such place.

Contracts with natives for performance of labour in any place to which 3. From the date of any such notification, contracts may be made with any native inhabitant of Ceylon for labour to be performed in any place to which emigration is authorized in the notification, and it shall be lawful to enable or assist any native

inhabitant to emigrate to such place; but all contracts and engagements under such notification shall be made and signed before a Police Magistrate, who is hereby authorized to take such signatures, after reading over and explaining to the signatories, the contract to be entered into by them.

4. It shall not be lawful for any person to make with any native inhabitant of this Island any contract for labour to be performed in any ~~British or Foreign colony~~ without the limits of this Island to which emigration has not been declared lawful, in manner aforesaid, and every person who shall make any such contract, or who shall knowingly aid or abet any native inhabitant of this Island in emigrating from this Island for the purpose of being employed under contract as a labourer, shall be guilty of an offence, and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding two hundred rupees for every native inhabitant so contracted with, aided, or abetted.

Provided always, that nothing in this Ordinance contained shall be taken to apply to any native seaman who shall of his own free will contract to navigate any vessel, or who shall embark on board such vessel in pursuance of such contract, or to any person who shall contract to serve as a menial servant only, or who shall embark as such menial servant.

Passed in Council the Eleventh day of October, One thousand Eight hundred and Eighty-two.

J. A. SWETTENHAM,
Clerk to the Council.

Assented to by His Excellency the Governor the Sixteenth day of October, One thousand Eight hundred and Eighty-two.

J. DOUGLAS,
Colonial Secretary.

emigration has been authorized made lawful. Such contracts to be signed before a Police Magistrate.

Contracts for performance of labour in any place to which emigration has not been authorized, unlawful.

Exceptions.