

No. 1 of 1883.

An Ordinance relating to the Law Officers of the Crown and to Deputies to the Queen's Advocate.

WHEREAS it is expedient to alter the official designations of the Law Officers of the Crown, now known as the Queen's Advocate and the Deputy Queen's Advocate for the Island, and the designations of the several deputies to the Queen's Advocate for circuits and provinces: Be it enacted by the Governor of Ceylon, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:

Preamble.

1 The Law Officers of the Crown now designated as the "Queen's Advocate" and the "Deputy Queen's Advocate for the Island" shall, after the passing of this Ordinance, be designated, respectively, the "Attorney-General" and the "Solicitor-General," any law or usage in this colony to the contrary notwithstanding.

Change of titles of the Law Officers of the Crown into the Attorney-General and Solicitor-General.

2 Whenever the words "Queen's Advocate" or "Deputy Queen's Advocate for the Island" occur in any Ordinance, Proclamation, Regulation, Enactment, document, or other writing, or in any judicial proceeding or legal process heretofore made or taken, such words shall be held and construed, respectively, to refer to and mean the Attorney-General and the Solicitor-General, as the Law Officers of the Crown are by this Ordinance designated, and all acts, matters, or things which before the passing of this Ordinance might or could be done or transacted by the Queen's Advocate or Deputy Queen's Advocate for the Island shall

The words "Attorney-General" and "Solicitor-General" to be substituted for "Queen's Advocate" and "Deputy Queen's Advocate" in Ordinances.

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in the same manner be done and transacted by the said Law Officers under the said designation of the Attorney-General and the Solicitor-General, and all rights, precedence, powers, privileges, and authority which at the passing of this Ordinance belonged to, vested in, or were exercised by the Queen's Advocate or Deputy Queen's Advocate for the Island shall belong to, vest in, and be exercised by the said Law Officers of the Crown, respectively, by and under the designation of Attorney-General and Solicitor-General aforesaid.

"Attorney-General" and "Solicitor-General" to be substituted for "Queen's Advocate" and "Deputy Queen's Advocate" in future editions of Ordinances.

3 In all future editions of any Ordinance, Proclamation, Regulation, Enactment, or other public document in which the words "Queen's Advocate" or "Deputy Queen's Advocate for the Island" shall appear, the words "Attorney-General" and "Solicitor-General," respectively, may be inserted and printed in lieu thereof.

Deputies to the Queen's Advocate to be called "Crown Counsel."

4 The officers heretofore known or designated as deputies to the Queen's Advocate for circuits and provinces shall hereafter be called and known as "Crown Counsel," and all acts, matters, and things which before the passing of this Ordinance might or could be transacted by any deputy to the Queen's Advocate shall in the same manner be done and transacted by him under the designation of Crown Counsel, and in all future editions of any Ordinance or Enactment in which the words "deputy to the Queen's Advocate" shall appear as referring and applicable to any deputy to the Queen's Advocate, the words "Crown Counsel" may be inserted and printed in lieu thereof.

Commencement of Ordinance.

5 This Ordinance shall come into operation on the first day of January, 1884.

24th October, 1883.