

*Municipal Councils.***No. 4.—1883.****An Ordinance to amend the Law relating to Municipal Councils in this Island.**

JOHN DOUGLAS.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the law relating to Municipal Councils in this Island to the extent of relieving, when expedient, the Government Agents from the duties of being Members and Chairmen of the several Municipal Councils of this Island: Be it therefore enacted by the Governor of Ceylon, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

Preamble.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as "The Municipal Council Amendment Ordinance, 1883."

Short title.

2. On and from the date when this Ordinance shall come into operation, it shall be lawful for the Governor to appoint from time to time a fit and proper person to be Chairman of any Municipal Council of this Island, and upon any such appointment being made and notified as hereinafter provided, the Government Agent who would, were no such appointment made, be in virtue of his office as Government Agent a Member of and Chairman of the Municipal Council to which any Chairman in virtue of this Ordinance may be appointed, shall thereupon cease to be either a member of or Chairman of such Municipal Council.

Governor in Executive Council may appoint Chairmen to Municipal Councils.

3. Any person appointed to be a Chairman of a Municipal Council under the last preceding section shall, when so appointed, have and possess all the powers, privileges and authority now vested in and exercised by any Government Agent, as a Chairman and Member of a Municipal Council, under Ordinance No. 17 of 1865, entitled "An Ordinance for establishing Municipal Councils in this Island," or under any other Ordinance, bye-law, proclamation, regulation, or other enactment relating to Municipal Councils.

Powers, &c., of Chairmen of Municipal Councils appointed under this Ordinance.

4. Whenever the expression "Government Agent" occurs or shall occur in any Ordinance, bye-law, proclamation or other enactment, which relates or may relate to Municipal Councils, as referring to the Chairman of the Municipal Council, such expression shall, unless the contrary appears from the context, be held to refer to, whenever a Chairman to a Municipal Council shall be appointed under this Ordinance, the Chairman so appointed.

Expression Government Agent in Ordinances to refer to Chairmen of Municipal Councils under this Ordinance.

5. Any appointment of a Chairman to a Municipal Council under this Ordinance shall be published in the *Government Gazette*, and shall be considered as taking effect from the date of such publication or from such other date as shall be therein specified.

Appointments under this Ordinance to be published in *Government Gazette*.

6. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be held to affect the validity of any thing done or act performed by any Government Agent as a Member of or Chairman of any Municipal Council who, by reason of a Chairman to any Municipal Council being appointed

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Chairmen of
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under this Ordinance, shall cease in his capacity of Government Agent to be a Chairman and a Member thereof.

Passed in Council the Twenty-fourth day of October, One thousand Eight hundred and Eighty-three.

J. A. SWETTENHAM,
Clerk to the Council.

Assented to by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor the Twenty-fourth day of October, One thousand Eight hundred and Eighty-three.

W. H. RAVENSCROFT,
Acting Colonial Secretary.
