

An Ordinance to amend the Ordinance No. 7 of 1863, intituled
"An Ordinance relating to Merchant Shipping." Title.

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WHEREAS doubts have arisen whether a person who has served as master of a ship belonging to a foreign State or Power, prior to the Ordinance No. 7 of 1863, is not entitled under sub-section 1 of section 12 of the said Ordinance No. 7 of 1863

to a certificate of service as master of a British foreign-going ship: And whereas it is expedient to remove such doubts and at the same time to bring the law of this Colony into unison with the law of the United Kingdom upon this point: 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 cited for all purposes as "The Merchant Shipping Amendment Ordinance, 1884."

Repeal. 2. Section 12 of the principal Ordinance, No. 7 of 1863, is hereby repealed.

Certificates of service to master and mates who have served as such prior to January 1st, 1851. 3. Certificates of service differing in form from certificates of competency shall be granted as follows; that is to say:—

(1) Every person who, before the 1st of January, 1851, served as master in the British Merchant Service, or who has attained or attains the rank of lieutenant, master, passed mate, or second master or any higher rank in the service of Her Majesty or of the late East India Company shall be entitled to a certificate of service as master.

(2) Every person who, before the 1st of January, 1851, served as mate in the British Merchant Service shall be entitled to a certificate of service as mate.

And each of such certificates of service shall contain particulars of the name, place and time of birth and of the length and nature of the previous service of the person to whom the same is delivered, and the examiners shall deliver such certificates of service to the various persons so respectively entitled thereto upon their proving themselves to have obtained such rank or to have served as aforesaid and upon their giving a full and satisfactory account of the particulars aforesaid.

Ordinance to be construed as one with Ordinance 7 of 1863.

4. This Ordinance and the Ordinance No. 7 of 1863, saving the clause hereby repealed, shall be read as one Ordinance.

Passed in Council the Fourth day of January, One thousand Eight hundred and Eight-four.

J. A. SWETTENHAM,
Clerk to the Council.

Assented to by His Excellency the Governor, the Fourth day of February, One thousand Eight hundred and Eighty-four.

J. DOUGLAS,
Colonial Secretary.