

**No. 13.—1884.**

**An Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 16 of 1865, intituled  
“An Ordinance to provide for the establishment and  
regulation of a Police Force in this Island.”**

**ARTHUR GORDON.**

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS doubts have arisen whether a police officer is authorized under the provisions of “The Police Ordinance, 1865,” to execute a warrant in a town, place or district, other than a town, place, or district in which under any of the provisions of the said Police Ordinance, a police force has been established, and whereas it is expedient to remove such doubts: Be it therefore enacted by the Governor of Ceylon, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

Ordinance to be read with “The Police Ordinance, 1865.”

1. This Ordinance and Ordinance No. 16 of 1865 entitled “An Ordinance to provide for the establishment and regulation of a police force in this Island,” shall be construed and read as one Ordinance.

Police officers to have authority to execute warrants in all parts of the Island.

2. Every police officer to whom any description of warrant shall have been addressed for execution is hereby authorized and empowered to execute any such warrant in any and every part of this Island as well as in any town, rural district, or place other than large towns or rural districts, in which a police force shall under the provisions of the aforesaid Ordinance have been established, anything in the said Ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding. Provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall justify any police officer executing any warrant or process illegally issued or entrusted to him for service, or shall relieve him from any penalty or liability incurred in respect of the execution of any warrant improperly or illegally issued or in respect of any neglect of duty or abuse of the powers hereby conferred.

Passed in Council the Thirteenth day of February, One thousand Eight hundred and Eighty-four.

**R. H. SINCLAIR,**  
Acting Clerk to the Council.

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

**J. DOUGLAS,**  
Colonial Secretary.