No. 37.-1884

An Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 15 of 1884, entitled "An Ordinance to make provision for granting pensions to Widows and Children of deceased Public Officers in this Colony.

ARTHUR GORDON.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend Ordinance No. 15 of 1884, entitled "An Ordinance to make provision for granting Pensions to Widows and Children of deceased Public Officers in this Colony": 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, in so far as it is consistent therewith, shall be construed and read as one with Ordinance No. 15 of 1884, entitled "An Ordinance to make provision for granting Pensions to Widows and Orphans of deceased Public Officers of this Colony," and hereinafter referred to as "The Principal Ordinance," and this Ordinance may be cited as "The Widows' and Orphans' Pension Fund Amendment Ordinance, 1884."

Construction and short title of Ordinance. Repeal of proviso to sections 8 and 9 of ordinance No. 15 of 1884.

Public officer before becoming entitled to a pension on the ground of ill-health or by reason of abolition of office may claim half his contributions.

Exception from benefits of fund.

Payment of pension,

- The proviso to section 7, and the whole of sections 8, 9, and 31 of the principal Ordinance are hereby repealed.
- 3. A public officer who may be obliged to retire from the Public Service on account of ill-health, or who may be deprived of the situation in respect of which he contributed to the fund by the abolition of his office before he is entitled to a pension, shall cease to have any interest in the fund, but such public officer may claim from the fund repayment of fifty per cent. of his actual contributions to the fund. Provided that any such claim be made to the Directors of the Fund within six months from the public officer ceasing to be employed in the Public Service of this Colony.
- 4. No widow of a public officer who dies within one year from the date of marriage shall be entitled to a pension under the principal Ordinance, unless a lawful child is born of such marriage.
- 5. The pension payable to a widow, or child, or children under this Ordinance shall (except where the public officer dies within one year from the date of marriage, and there shall be no lawful child born of such marriage either before or after the death of such officer) commence upon the death of the husband or father, or mother or step-mother, as the case may be, shall accrue daily, and shall be paid monthly, clear of any deduction, until re-marriage or death of the widow, or until the cesser of eligibility in the case of children.

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

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

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

JOHN F. DICKSON, Acting Colonial Secretary.