

*Registration of Books.***No. 1.—1885.****An Ordinance to provide for the preservation of copies of Books printed in Ceylon, and for the registration of such Books.**

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WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the preservation of three copies of every book printed or lithographed in Ceylon, and for the registration of such books: Be it therefore enacted by the Governor of Ceylon, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

Preamble.

1. In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires, the term "book" includes every volume, part or division of a volume, and pamphlet in any language, and every sheet of music, map, chart or plan separately printed or lithographed; but shall not include any publication which consists merely of a price list, sale catalogue, annual report, trade circular or trade advertisement.

Interpretation clause.

2. Three printed or lithographed copies of the whole of every book which shall be printed or lithographed in this colony after this Ordinance shall come into force, together with all maps, prints or other engravings belonging thereto, finished and coloured in the same manner as the best copies of the same shall be produced, and also of any second or subsequent edition which shall be so produced with any additions or alterations, whether the same shall be in letter-press or in the maps, prints or other engravings belonging thereto, and whether the first edition of such book shall have been produced before or after this Ordinance shall come into force, shall, within one calendar month after the day in which any such book shall first be delivered out of the press, and notwithstanding any agreement (if the book be published) between the printer and publisher thereof, be delivered free of any charge, claim or demand whatsoever by the printer, bound, sewed, or stitched together, and upon the best paper on which the same shall be printed or lithographed, at such place and to such officer as the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, shall, by notification in the *Government Gazette*, from time to time direct. The publisher or other person employing the printer shall, at a reasonable time before the expiration of the said month, supply him with all maps, prints and engravings, finished and coloured as aforesaid, which may be necessary to enable him to comply with the requirements aforesaid.

Three copies of books printed after this Ordinance comes into force and of all subsequent editions to be delivered to Government within a month of being printed.

3. Such officer shall thereupon give a receipt in writing for the copies so received.

Receipt and payment for copies.

4. One of such copies shall be transmitted to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, another copy shall be disposed of as the Governor with the advice of the Executive Council shall from time to time, by general or special order, direct, and the remaining copy shall, after a memorandum containing the particulars hereinafter mentioned respecting the book shall have been registered as hereinafter provided, be deposited in such public library, or be otherwise disposed of, as the Governor shall from time to time determine.

Disposal of the three copies.

Registration of Books

Registration of memoranda of books.

5. There shall be kept at such office, and by such officer, as the Governor with the advice of the Executive Council shall appoint in this behalf, a book to be called "A Catalogue of Books printed in Ceylon," wherein shall be registered a memorandum of every book which shall have been delivered pursuant to section 2 of this Ordinance, such memorandum shall (so far as may be practicable) contain the following particulars; (that is to say):—

- (1) The title of the book and the contents of the title page, with a translation into English of such title and contents, when the same are not in the English language:
- (2) The language in which the book is written:
- (3) The name of the author, translator, or editor of the book or any part thereof:
- (4) The subject:
- (5) The place of printing and the place of publication:
- (6) The name or firm of the printer and the name or firm of the publisher:
- (7) The date of issue from the press or of the publication:
- (8) The number of sheets, leaves, or pages:
- (9) The size:
- (10) The first, second or other number of the edition:
- (11) The number of copies of which the edition consists:
- (12) Whether the book is printed or lithographed:
- (13) The price at which the book is sold to the public; and
- (14) The name and residence of the proprietor of the copyright or of any portion of such copyright.

Such memorandum shall be made and registered in the case of each book as soon as practicable after the delivery of the copies thereof in manner aforesaid.

Publication of memoranda registered.

6. The memoranda registered during each quarter in the said catalogue shall be published in the *Government Gazette*, as soon as may be after the end of such quarter, and a copy of the memoranda so published shall be sent to the said Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Penalty for non-delivery of books by printer.

7. Every printer who neglects to deliver three copies of any such book as is referred to in section 2 of this Ordinance, or of any second or subsequent edition of any such book, to the officer and in the manner hereinbefore prescribed, commits an offence punishable by a fine not exceeding fifty rupees.

Penalty for non-supply of books by publisher.

8. Every publisher or other person, employing any such printer, who neglects to supply him in manner aforesaid with maps, prints or engravings finished and coloured as aforesaid, which may be necessary to enable such printer to comply with the provisions of the said section, commits an offence punishable by a fine not exceeding fifty rupees.

Mode of recovering penalties.

9. All pecuniary penalties imposed under this Ordinance may be recovered in the manner prescribed by "The Criminal Procedure Code, 1883."

Power of Governor in Executive

10. The Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, shall have power to make such rules as may be necessary or

desirable for carrying out the objects of this Ordinance, and from time to time to repeal, alter and add to such rules. All such rules and all repeals and alterations thereof and additions thereto shall be published in the *Government Gazette*.

Council to make rules

11. The Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, may by notification in the *Government Gazette*, exclude any class of books from the operation of the whole or any part or parts of this Ordinance.

Power of Governor in Executive to exclude any class of books from operation of this Ordinance.

12. This Ordinance shall come into operation on the First day of April, 1885.

Commencement of Ordinance.

Passed in Council the Twenty-first day of January, One thousand Eight hundred and Eighty-five.

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

Assented to by His Excellency the Governor the Twenty-seventh day of January, One thousand Eight hundred and Eighty five.

JOHN F. DICKSON,
Acting Colonial Secretary.
