

No. 4 of 1886.

An Ordinance to provide for Public and Bank Holidays.

WHEREAS it is expedient that certain days in the year should be declared public holidays and bank holidays, respectively: Be it therefore enacted by the Governor of Ceylon, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:

Preamble.

1 This Ordinance may be cited as "The Holidays Ordinance, 1886," and it shall come into operation on the passing thereof.

Short title.

Commencement.

2 From and after the coming into operation of this Ordinance there shall be repealed—

Repeal.

(1) Section 8 of Ordinance 17 of 1869, intituled "An Ordinance for the General Regulation of Customs in the Island of Ceylon;"

(2) So much of any other Ordinance as is inconsistent with this Ordinance.

* Sections 18 and 19 have been omitted as impliedly repealed by section 15 of No. 8 of 1891.

† Proclaimed the First day of November, 1886.

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Interpretation clause.

3 For the purposes of this Ordinance, the "day next following a public holiday" shall mean the next following day not being itself a public holiday; and "the day next following a bank holiday" shall mean the next following day not being itself a public or a bank holiday.

Certain days to be public holidays.

4 The several days mentioned in schedule A hereto annexed (and which days are hereinafter referred to as public holidays) shall, in addition to Sundays, be *dies non*, and shall be kept (except as hereinafter provided) as holidays in this colony. If any of these holidays fall on a Sunday, the following Monday shall be a public holiday, unless otherwise ordered by the Governor, of which notice shall be given in the *Government Gazette*.

Regulations.

5 The Governor in Executive Council may, from time to time, make regulations excluding in whole, or in part, from the operation of this Ordinance, any public office or any department thereof, and thereupon all acts and things relating to such public office or department thereof may be done and performed on any public holiday, notwithstanding the provisions of this Ordinance.

Bank holidays.

6 After the coming into operation of this Ordinance, the several days in the schedule B hereto annexed (and which days are hereinafter referred to as bank holidays) shall be kept as close holidays in all banks in this colony, and all bills of exchange and promissory notes which are due and payable on any such bank or public holiday shall be payable, and in case of non-payment may be noted and protested, on the next following day; and any such noting or protest shall be as valid as if made on the day on which the bill or note was made due and payable.

Bills due on bank or public holidays to be payable on the following day.

Provisions as to notice of dishonour and presentation for honour.

7 When the day on which any notice of dishonour of an unpaid bill of exchange or promissory note should be given, or when the day on which a bill of exchange or promissory note should be presented or received for acceptance, or accepted or forwarded to any referee or referees, is a bank or public holiday, such notice of dishonour shall be given and such bill of exchange or promissory note shall be presented or forwarded on the day next following such bank or public holiday.

As to payments on bank or public holidays.

8 No person shall be compellable to make any payment or to do any act upon such bank or public holiday which he would not be compellable to do or make on Sunday; and the obligation to make such payment and do such act shall apply to the day following such bank or public holiday; and the making of such payment and doing such act on such following day shall be equivalent to payment of the money or performance of the act on the holiday.

Governor may appoint special days to be observed as bank

9 It shall be lawful for the Governor, by notification in the *Government Gazette*, at any time to appoint a special day to be observed as a public holiday or as a bank holiday, in addition to or in substitution for any of the days mentioned

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in the schedules hereto annexed, and thereupon the provisions of this Ordinance shall be applicable to such day in the same manner as if the said day had been mentioned in the said schedules.

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holidays.

SCHEDULE A.

Public Holidays.

New Year's Day and the following day.
 Ash Wednesday.
 Good Friday and the following day.
 Easter Monday and Tuesday.
 The Birthday of Her Majesty the Queen.
 Ascension Day.
 The Accession Day of Her Majesty the Queen.
 The Prince of Wales' Birthday.
 Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and two subsequent days
 Hindu New Year's Festival.
 The first full moon of the Sinhalese month Wesak.
 The Mohammedan Hadji Festival.

SCHEDULE B.

Bank Holidays.

New Year's Day and the following day.
 The Tamil Thai Pongal Day.
 Good Friday and the following day.
 Easter Monday and Tuesday.
 The Birthday of Her Majesty the Queen.
 Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and two subsequent days.

2nd February, 1886.
