

*Police within Ports.***No. 11 of 1886.****An Ordinance to remove doubts as to the Jurisdiction of the Police within the Ports of this Island.***(See No. 16 of 1865.)*

**W**HEREAS doubts have arisen as to whether the police may lawfully have and exercise their powers within the ports of this island: And whereas it is expedient to remove such doubts: 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** In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires, "port" shall include all harbours, roadsteads, and places of anchorage in the island; and where the limits of any port have been or may hereafter be defined by the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, under section 5 of "The Masters Attendant's Ordinance, 1865," those limits shall be taken to apply to such port for the purposes of this Ordinance.

Interpretation clause.

**2** Every police officer empowered to act as such within any town or place adjacent to any port, shall within such port have all such powers, protections, and privileges, and be liable to all such duties and responsibilities as by law he has and is liable to within such town or place.

Police officers to act in the ports of this island.

**3** It shall be lawful for the Governor in Executive Council from time to time to make, and when made to revoke, alter, or amend rules—

Governor may make rules.

- (a) For regulating the number, distribution, and particular service of the several officers who shall be on duty in any port, and the number and description of boats to be provided for their service;
- (b) For determining at what times and in what rotation the police boats shall be employed in rowing guard in the said port;
- (c) For promoting the general efficiency of the police within the said port, and for preventing neglect or abuse in the discharge of their duties.

**4** Every police officer, when acting as such within any port, shall obey and execute any lawful order which may be issued to him by the master attendant or the principal officer of customs of such port in all matters relating thereto, and to offences and offenders therein.

Police officers to obey lawful orders of master attendant and customs officers.

**5** Any police officer committing a breach of any rule made under section 3, or refusing to obey or execute any lawful order issued to him under section 4, shall be guilty of an offence, and shall be liable to a fine not exceeding fifty rupees, or to simple imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months.

Penalties.

1st November, 1886.