

No. 14 of 1886.

An Ordinance relating to British and Foreign Postage Stamps.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide against the manufacture or issue of counterfeit British or foreign postage stamps in this island: 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 For the purposes of this Ordinance, "fictitious stamp" means any facsimile, or imitation, or representation, whether on paper or otherwise, of any stamp for denoting any rate of postage, including any stamp for denoting a rate of postage of Great Britain, India, or any of Her Majesty's colonies, excepting Ceylon, or of any foreign country.

Interpretation clause:
"Fictitious stamp."

2 It shall not be lawful for any person to—

Prohibition of fictitious stamps.

- (a) Make, knowingly utter, deal in, or sell any fictitious stamp, or knowingly use for any postal purpose any fictitious stamp; or
- (b) Have in his possession, unless he shows a lawful excuse, any fictitious stamp; or
- (c) Make, or, unless he shows a lawful excuse, have in his possession any die, plate, instrument, or materials for making any fictitious stamp.

Any person who acts in contravention of this section shall be guilty of an offence, and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding two hundred rupees, or to simple or rigorous imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years, or to both.

Penalty.

Any stamp, die, plate, instrument, or materials found in the possession of any person in contravention of this section may be seized, and shall be forfeited to Her Majesty and her successors.

Forfeiture.

3 This Ordinance shall not affect the enactments contained in sections 248 to 256 of the Ceylon Penal Code, which said enactments shall continue to have full force and effect.

This Ordinance not to affect sections 248 to 256 of the Ceylon Penal Code.

4th December, 1886.
