

## No. 15 of 1886.

### An Ordinance to prevent Spirituous or Fermented Liquors being taken on board Her Majesty's Ships without the consent of the Commanders thereof.

**W**HEREAS it is expedient, for the purpose of maintaining discipline in Her Majesty's ships in colonial waters, to provide that no spirituous or fermented liquor shall be carried on board such ships without the consent of the commanders thereof: Be it therefore enacted by the Governor of Ceylon, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows: Preamble.

No spirituous or fermented liquor of any description to be taken on board Her Majesty's ships without the commander's consent.

Right of search.

Forfeiture.

Right to seize with or without warrant.

1 It shall not be lawful for any person to take any spirituous or fermented liquor of any description on board any of Her Majesty's ships or vessels in any part of the sea adjacent to the coast of this island and within the territorial sovereignty of Her Majesty, without the previous consent of the officer commanding the ship or vessel on board of which the same may be taken; and it shall be lawful for any officer in Her Majesty's service, or warrant or petty officer of the navy, or non-commissioned officer of marines, with or without seamen or persons under his command, to search any boat or vessel hovering about or approaching, or which may have hovered about or approached, any of Her Majesty's ships or vessels; and if any spirituous or fermented liquor be found on board such boat or vessel, to seize such spirituous or fermented liquor, and the same shall be forfeited to Her Majesty and her successors; and if any person shall take any spirituous or fermented liquor on board any of Her Majesty's ships or vessels without such previous consent as aforesaid, or shall approach or hover about any of Her Majesty's ships or vessels for the purpose of taking any spirituous or fermented liquor on board the same, without such previous consent, or for the purpose of giving or selling, without such previous consent, spirituous or fermented liquor to men in Her Majesty's service, every such person shall, upon a summary conviction thereof before a police magistrate, pay a fine not exceeding one hundred rupees for every such act or offence; and it shall be lawful for any officer in Her Majesty's service, or any such warrant or petty officer, or non-commissioned officer as aforesaid, or for any police officer, with or without any warrant or other process, to apprehend or cause to be apprehended any such offender or person so acting, and to bring him or cause him to be brought before any police magistrate, for the purpose of having the offender summarily convicted of the same.

4th December, 1886.

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