No. 18 of 1887.

Ordinance making special provision for the Administration of Justice in the North-Western Province.

WHEREAS by reason of the increase of cattle-stealing in the North-Western Province of this island, it is expedient that special provision should be made for the administration of justice in the said province : Be it therefore enacted by the Governor of Ceylon, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows :

1 It shall be lawful for the Governor to appoint a police magistrate for the North-Western Province of this island, anything in the Ordinance No. 11 of 1868 or the Ordinance No. 3 of 1883 to the contrary notwithstanding ; and such magistrate shall, within the said Province, have and exercise all the jurisdiction and powers which by law a police magistrate may have and exercise within any division in this island, and may, subject to the proviso contained in section 19 of the last-mentioned Ordinance, hear, try, and determine any case which has heretofore been or may hereafter be instituted in any police court within the said Province, and in which any other magistrate may or may not have heard part of the evidence.

2 The police magistrate so appointed as aforesaid shall also have power and authority to pass sentence of whipping, in addition to, or in lieu of, such other punishment or punishments as police courts may lawfully inflict, on any person above the age of sixteen years who may be convicted of the theft of any bull, cow, steer, buffalo, heifer, or calf. Provided that the whipping under any such sentence shall in no case exceed twenty-five lashes, and may be inflicted in any place, within or without the precincts of a prison, in the said province as the magistrate shall direct, anything in any other Ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding.

23rd November, 1887.

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