

No. 2 of 1888.

An Ordinance to amend "The Mohammedan Marriage Registration Ordinance, 1886."

(See No. 8 of 1886.)

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend "The Mohammedan Marriage Registration Ordinance, 1886:" Be it therefore enacted by the Governor of Ceylon, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows :

To be read with Ordinance No. 8 of 1886.

1 This Ordinance and "The Mohammedan Marriage Registration Ordinance, 1886," hereinafter referred to as "the principal Ordinance," shall be read together as one Ordinance.

Section 13 of Ordinance No. 8 of 1886 repealed.

2 Section 13 of the principal Ordinance is hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof the following enactment shall take effect so soon as the principal Ordinance shall have been brought into operation in manner provided in section 1 thereof :

If both the parties to a marriage shall knowingly and wilfully intermarry under the provisions of this Ordinance under false names, such marriage shall be null and void ; and if either of the parties to a marriage shall knowingly and wilfully consent to, or acquiesce in, the registration of a marriage by a person not being an officiating levvai or registrar, such party shall be guilty of an offence, and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred rupees.

Clandestine marriages void.

Registration by persons other than levvai or registrar made penal.

3 Section 17 of the principal Ordinance is hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof the following enactment shall take effect so soon as the principal Ordinance shall have been brought into operation in manner provided in section 1 thereof :

Section 17 of Ordinance No. 8 of 1886 repealed.

Proof of the registration of any marriage contracted by persons professing the Mohammedan faith, after this Ordinance shall have come into operation, shall be received in all courts in this colony as the best evidence of such marriage ; but nothing herein or in the principal Ordinance contained shall be construed to render valid or invalid, merely by reason of its having been registered or not having been registered, any Mohammedan marriage which would otherwise be invalid or valid, or to preclude any legal evidence other than that of registration from being adduced in proof of such marriage.

Registration not to be sole proof of marriage.

27th January, 1888.
