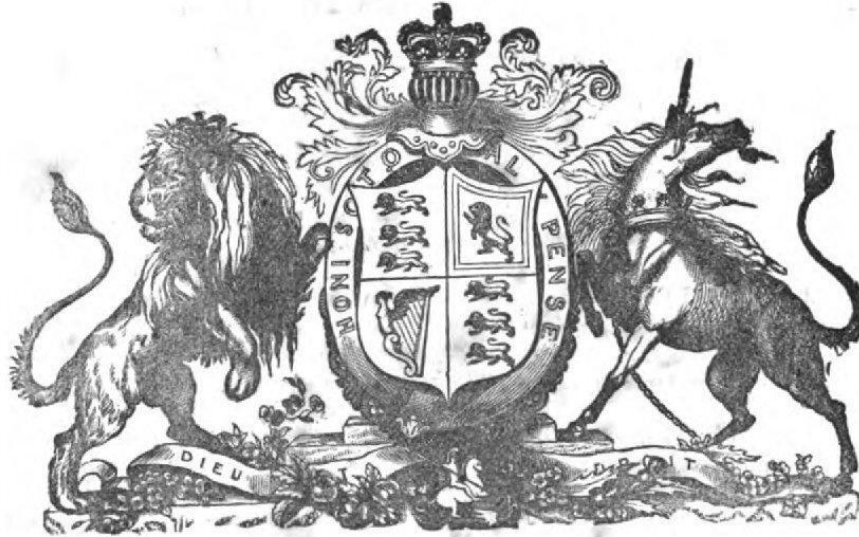


CEYLON.



ORDINANCES ENACTED BY THE GOVERNOR OF CEYLON, WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL THEREOF.

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An Ordinance to amend the Law respecting the Concealment of the Birth of Children.

WHEREAS it is expedient to repeal the Ordinance No. 2 of 1842, and to make other provision, in lieu thereof, for the punishment of persons concealing the birth of children: **IT IS THEREFORE HEREBY ENACTED BY THE GOVERNOR OF CEYLON, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—**

Preamble.

1. THE Ordinance No. 2 of 1842, intituled "*An Ordinance to amend the Law respecting the Concealment of the Birth of Children,*" is hereby repealed, save and except as to any offence committed before the passing of this Ordinance.

Ordinance No. 2 of 1842
repealed.

2. IF any woman shall be delivered of a child, every person who shall, by any secret disposition of the dead body of the said child, whether such child died before, at, or after its birth, endeavour to conceal the birth thereof, shall be guilty of an offence, and shall be liable to be imprisoned for any term not exceeding Two years, with or without hard labour: PROVIDED that, if any person tried for the murder of any child shall be acquitted thereof, it shall be lawful for the Jury, by whose verdict such person shall be acquitted, to find, in case it shall so appear in evidence, that the child had recently been born, and that such person did, by some secret disposition of the dead body of such child, endeavour to conceal the birth thereof; and thereupon the Court may pass such sentence, as if such person had been convicted upon an indictment for the concealment of the birth.

Punishment of persons endeavouring to conceal the birth of children.

Proviso that person charged with child murder may be convicted for concealment of birth.

3. THIS Ordinance shall come into operation from the date of the passing thereof.

Commencement of Ordinance.

Passed in Council, the Twenty-fifth day of October, One thousand Eight hundred and Seventy-one.

JAMES SWAN,
Clerk to the Council.

Assented to by His Excellency the Governor, the Thirtieth day of October, One thousand Eight hundred and Seventy-one, and published by his order.

HENRY T. IRVING,
Colonial Secretary.