

No. 13.—1871.

An Ordinance relating to Postal Rates.

WHEREAS the Currency of this Island will, on the 1st January, 1872, be changed from Pounds, shillings, and pence, to Rupees and Cents; and it has, in consequence, become necessary to adjust the penny rate, on which existing Postal charges are based, to the new Currency, IT IS HEREBY ENACTED BY THE GOVERNOR OF CEYLON, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows :—

1. THIS Ordinance shall come into operation on the 1st January, 1872.

2. THE Colonial inland charges levied on letters, parcels, and patterns and samples, and book-packets, under the sanction of the Ordinance 10 of 1869, and the charges at present levied on letters sent by the land route to India, under the sanction of Ordinance No. 27 of 1865, Section 28, and the charges at present levied on correspondence dispatched to foreign countries from Ceylon, as well as on unpaid correspondence received in Ceylon from foreign countries, under the sanction of Proclamations, issued by virtue of the powers conferred on the Governor and Executive Council by Section 9, Ordinance 10 of 1869, and previous similar enactments, shall, from the 1st January, 1872, be collected at the rate of Four cents to the penny. PROVIDED, however, that nothing herein contained shall be held to interfere with the aforesaid powers conferred on the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, to, from time to time, alter, amend, or determine such foreign rates of postage as aforesaid : or to interfere with the power of the Governor, with advice as aforesaid, to alter certain inland rates.

3. THIS Ordinance shall be read and construed as one Ordinance with those No. 27 of 1865, and No. 10 of 1869, save and excepting the Sections of the former repealed by the latter.

Passed in Council, the Fifteenth day of November, One thousand Eight hundred and Seventy-one.

JAMES SWAN,
Clerk to the Council.

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

HENRY T. IRVING,
Colonial Secretary.

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Preamble.

Commencement of Ordinance.

All existing Postal charges to be collected at the rate of Four cents to the penny.

Proviso—power to alter foreign rates reserved.

And certain inland rates.

This and certain former Ordinances to be read as one.