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An Ordinance to provide for the Inland transmission of Post Cards.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the transmission, between places in Ceylon, of unclosed letters commonly known as Post Cards, at a lower rate of postage than that prescribed by Postal Ordinances: **IT IS HEREBY ENACTED BY THE GOVERNOR OF CEYLON**, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

Commencement.

1. **THIS** Ordinance shall come into operation on such day as shall be named by the Governor in a Proclamation to be by him for that purpose issued.

Inland Postage on Post Cards.

2. **THE** Postage on a Post Card, sent by Post between places in Ceylon, shall be Two Cents.

Regulations as to their transmission.

3. **IT** shall be lawful for the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, to make regulations for all or any of the following purposes:—

- (a.) The dimensions of Post Cards; and the conditions under which they will be treated as such in the Post Office.
- (b.) The affixing of Stamps thereto;
- (c.) The prepayment of Postage thereon;
- (d.) The use of such Post Cards, only, as shall be provided by the Commissioner of Stamps, when that officer shall be in a position to supply stamped Post Cards.
- (e.) The prevention of the use of Post Card Stamps for any other class of correspondence.
- (f.) The prevention of sending, or delivery, by post, of Post Cards having thereon any words, marks, or designs of an indecent, obscene, libellous, or grossly offensive character.

THE punishment for sending a Post Card having thereon such words, marks, or designs as aforesaid, shall be the same as that prescribed by Ordinance No. 27 of 1865, Section 30, for sending offensive or dangerous substances through the Post.

The Ordinance to be deemed as one with 27 of 1865 and 10 of 1869.

4. **THIS** Ordinance shall be construed as one with the Ordinances Nos. 27 of 1865 and 10 of 1869, so far as the provisions of these latter Ordinances shall be applicable to Post Cards.

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

JAMES SWAN,
Clerk to the Council.

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

HENRY T. IRVING,
Colonial Secretary.