

No. 1 of 1874.

An Ordinance to control recruiting in Ceylon for the service of Foreign States.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient that the Governor in Council should exercise full control over recruiting in Ceylon for the service of foreign states : It is hereby enacted by the Governor of Ceylon, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows :

Title of Ordinance.

1 This Ordinance may be called "The Foreign Recruiting Ordinance, 1874," and shall come into force on the passing thereof.

Definition of "foreign state."

2 In this Ordinance "foreign state" includes any person or persons exercising or assuming to exercise the powers of government in or over any country, colony, province, or people beyond the limits of Ceylon.

Governor empowered to prohibit or restrict attempt at recruiting.

3 If any person obtain or attempt to obtain recruits for the service of any foreign state in any capacity, the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, may by Proclamation either prohibit such person from so doing, or permit him so to do, subject to conditions which the Governor in Council as aforesaid may think fit.

Governor empowered to place general prohibition or restriction on recruiting.

4. The Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, may from time to time, by Proclamation, either prohibit recruiting for the service of any foreign state, or impose upon such recruiting any conditions which he thinks fit.

5 The Governor may, with the advice of the Executive Council, by Proclamation, rescind or vary any order made under this Ordinance in such manner as he thinks fit.

Power to rescind or vary orders.

6 Whoever, in violation of any such prohibition or condition as aforesaid :—

Penalties.

(a) Induces or attempts to induce any person to accept or to agree to accept, or to proceed to any place with a view to obtaining, any commission or employment in the service of any foreign state ; or

(b) Knowingly aids in the engagement of any person so induced by forwarding or conveying him, or by advancing money, or in any other way whatever ;

shall be guilty of an offence, and be liable to imprisonment for any term not exceeding seven years, or to fine to such amount as the court by which such offence shall be tried shall think fit, or to both.

7th November, 1874.
