

*Validity of Deeds.***No. 5 of 1875.**

An Ordinance to declare the validity of certain Writings, Deeds, and Instruments purporting to be executed in conformity with the provisions of Ordinance No. 17 of 1852, and to amend the said Ordinance.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the Ordinance No. 17 of 1852, entitled "An Ordinance to make further provision touching the execution of certain Deeds and Instruments," provides for the execution of certain writings, deeds, and instruments before officers other than notaries, in the manner therein prescribed, and divers writings, deeds, and instruments have since the passing thereof been executed in conformity with its provisions, except that they have been certified under the hand only, and not under the hand and seal of such officers; and whereas doubts have arisen as to the validity of such writings, deeds, and instruments, which it is expedient should be removed; and whereas it is also expedient that writings, deeds, and instruments hereafter to be executed should not be invalidated merely by reason of their having been certified under the hand only and not under the hand and seal of such officers, if in other respects executed in conformity with the provisions of the said Ordinance: It is therefore enacted by the Governor of Ceylon, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:

Writings, &c., otherwise duly executed under the provisions of the Ordinance No. 17 of 1852 declared valid notwithstanding the want of the seal.

1 Every writing, deed, or instrument which shall have been heretofore or shall be hereafter otherwise duly executed in conformity with the provisions of the said Ordinance, shall be deemed and is hereby declared to be valid and effectual to all intents and purposes, so far as relates to the execution thereof, notwithstanding that the same shall not have been certified under the seal of the district judge, commissioner of the court of requests, or justice of the peace specially authorized by the Governor to act in that behalf. Provided that nothing herein contained shall give any validity to any writing, deed, or instrument which may be invalid or ineffectual for any reason other than that arising from the same not being certified under such seal aforesaid, or to any writing, deed, or instrument which has heretofore been declared invalid or ineffectual by any competent court of law, in consequence of the same not having been certified under such seal as aforesaid.

2nd June, 1875.