

No. 6 of 1877.

An Ordinance to amend "The Land Acquisition Ordinance, 1876."

(See No. 3 of 1876.)

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend "The Land Acquisition Ordinance, 1876:" It is hereby enacted by the Governor of Ceylon, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows :

1 The 25th, 26th, 27th, and 31st sections of the said "Land Acquisition Ordinance, 1876," are hereby severally repealed.

2 In case of any difference of opinion between the judge and assessors, or any of them, upon any question of law, or practice or usage having the force of law, or as to the amount of compensation to be awarded, the opinion of the judge shall prevail, subject to the appeal to the Supreme Court hereinafter provided. Provided, however, that if the two assessors agree together as to the amount of compensation, their opinion as to such amount shall be taken as the decision of the court, subject to appeal as hereinafter provided.

3 If the government agent or any person interested is dissatisfied with any award made by the court under the provisions of this Ordinance or the said "Land Acquisition Ordinance, 1876," he may appeal therefrom to the Supreme Court. Every such appeal shall be presented within the

Preamble.

Repeal of 25th, 26th, 27th, and 31st sections of Ordinance No. 3 of 1876.

When judge and assessors differ, opinion of judge to prevail, subject to appeal.

Appeal against award.

Proviso : no stamps required.

Operation of 2nd section of Ordinance No. 3 of 1876 with reference to proceedings already had under Ordinance No. 2 of 1863.

This Ordinance and Ordinance No. 3 of 1876 to be read as one Ordinance.

time and in the manner and subject to the rules and practice provided for and observed in appeals from interlocutory orders of district courts. Provided, however, that no stamp duties shall be required in any proceedings before the Supreme Court relative to such appeal.

4 Nothing in the 2nd section of the said "Land Acquisition Ordinance, 1876," shall be held or construed to prevent proceedings being taken under the said Ordinance for the acquisition of any land notwithstanding that any proceedings may have been commenced for the acquisition of such land under the said Ordinance No. 2 of 1863.

5 This Ordinance and the said "Land Acquisition Ordinance, 1876," shall be read and construed as if they formed one Ordinance.

5th May, 1877.
