

No. 10 of 1877.

An Ordinance to provide for the more convenient administration in this Colony of "The Extradition Acts, 1870 and 1873."

WHEREAS by the Act of the Imperial Parliament known as "The Extradition Act, 1870," it is amongst other things enacted that the said Act when applied by Order in Council shall, unless it is otherwise provided by such Order, extend to every British possession, but with the following among other modifications, namely:— Preamble.

No warrant of a Secretary of State shall be required, and all powers vested in, or acts authorized or required to be done under the said Act by the police magistrates and the Secretary of State, or either of them, in relation to the surrender of a fugitive criminal, may be done by the Governor of the British possession alone;

and any prison in the British possession may be substituted for a prison in Middlesex:

And whereas by the said Act it is also enacted that—

If by any law or Ordinance made before or after the passing of the said Act by the Legislature of any British possession provision is made for carrying into effect within such possession the surrender of fugitive criminals, who are in or suspected of being in such British possession, Her Majesty may, by the Order in Council applying the said Act in the case of any foreign state, or by any subsequent Order, either—

Suspend the operation within any such British possession of the said Act, or any part thereof, so far as it relates to such foreign state, and so long as such law or Ordinance continues in force there, and no longer;

Or direct that such law or Ordinance, or any part thereof, shall have effect in such British possession, with or without modifications and alterations, as if it were part of the said Act.

And whereas by another Act of the Imperial Parliament known as "The Extradition Act of 1873," it is enacted that the said Act shall be construed as one with "The Extradition Act, 1870," and that the said two Acts may be cited together as "The Extradition Acts, 1870 and 1873 :"

And whereas it is expedient to provide for the more convenient administration within this colony of "The Extradition Acts, 1870 and 1873," by conferring on the police magistrates of the said colony the like powers and authorities in relation to the surrender of fugitive criminals as are by the said Acts vested in police magistrates and justices of the peace in the United Kingdom :

It is hereby enacted by the Governor of Ceylon, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows :

Short title.

1 This Act may be cited as "The Extradition Ordinance, Ceylon, 1877."

Powers of police magistrates in relation to extradition under the Imperial Acts.

2 All powers vested in and acts authorized or required to be done by a police magistrate or any justice of the peace in relation to the surrender of fugitive criminals in the United Kingdom under "The Extradition Acts, 1870 and 1873," are hereby vested in, and may in the said colony be exercised and done by, any police magistrate, in relation to the surrender of fugitive criminals under the said Acts.

Suspending clause.

3 This Ordinance shall not come into operation until Her Majesty shall by Order in Council direct that this Ordinance shall have effect within the colony, as if it were part of "The Extradition Act, 1870," but this Ordinance shall thereafter come into operation as soon as such Order in Council shall have been publicly made known in the colony.*

21st November, 1877.
