

No. 14 of 1878.

An Ordinance to amend "The Weights and Measures Ordinance, 1876."

(See No. 8 of 1876.)

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

Preamble.

1 This Ordinance shall come into operation on the same day on which "The Weights and Measures Ordinance, 1876," shall come into operation, as provided by the 16th section of that Ordinance.*

Commencement of Ordinance.

2 This Ordinance and "The Weights and Measures Ordinance, 1876," shall for all purposes be read as one Ordinance.

Ordinance to be read as one with the Ordinance No. 8 of 1876.

3 The copies of the standard weights and measures provided under the 3rd section of "The Weights and Measures Ordinance, 1876," shall for all the purposes of that Ordinance and of this Ordinance be deemed and taken to be true and correct copies of the standards which they purport or are intended to represent.

Copies of standards provided by Government to be deemed true copies.

4 The 10th and 11th sections of "The Weights and Measures Ordinance, 1876," are hereby severally repealed.

Repeal of sections 10 and 11 of Ordinance No. 8 of 1876.

5 In using a measure of capacity, the same shall not be heaped, but either shall be stricken with a round stick or roller, straight and of the same diameter from end to end, or, if the article cannot from its size or shape be conveniently stricken, shall be filled in all parts as nearly to the level of the brim as the size and shape of the article will admit.

Heaped measure prohibited.

* Proclaimed the 1st day of May, 1879.

Examiners to examine weights and measures and seize false ones.

6 The examiners of weights and measures appointed under "The Weights and Measures Ordinance, 1876," may at any time, and shall at least twice in every year (having first been sworn or affirmed duly and faithfully to exercise such office), enter into or upon the store, shop, boutique, house, stall, or standing place of every person buying, selling, dealing in, despatching, carrying, delivering, or receiving by weight or measure any wares or goods within the district or locality for which such examiners are appointed, and then and there shall search for, view, and examine all weights, measures, balances, steelyards, and weighing machines in such premises, and shall seize any weight or measure representing or intended to represent or be used as any of the weights or measures mentioned in the schedule to "The Weights and Measures Ordinance, 1876," and not being according to the standards declared by that Ordinance, or not duly stamped as required by that Ordinance, or any false or unequal balance, steelyard, or weighing machines which may upon such search be found therein, and shall detain the same to be produced before the court at the trial of the offender under the following section.*

In contracts affecting parchment coffee such coffee to be measured by one-bushel measure in absence of express stipulation.

8 Every contract for the sale, purchase, carriage, despatch, or delivery of parchment coffee by the bushel, or for dealing in or doing anything to parchment coffee by the bushel, shall be deemed to be made according to the one-bushel measure and to no larger measure than the one-bushel measure, unless otherwise expressly stipulated in writing.

19th December, 1878.
