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AN ACT TO VALIDATE THE PURCHASE MADE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF CEYLON OF PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE COMPANY KNOWN AS CABLE AND WIRELESS LIMITED; TO MAKE CERTAIN PROVISIONS REGARDING EMPLOYEES OF THAT COMPANY WHO WERE APPOINTED TO THE STAFF OF THE OVERSEAS TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICE OF THE POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT; TO AUTHORISE THE HIGH COMMISSIONER OF CEYLON IN THE UNITED KINGDOM TO EXECUTE, ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CEYLON, ANY AGREEMENT THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF CEYLON MAY HAVE TO ENTER INTO WITH THE COMMONWEALTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS BOARD IN PURSUANCE OF THE COMMONWEALTH TELEGRAPHS AGREEMENT DATED MAY 11, 1948; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OUT OF THE CONSOLIDATED FUND OF CEYLON OF ALL SUCH SUMS AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY SUCH AGREEMENT TO BE PAID BY THE GOVERNMENT OF CEYLON.

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BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and the House of Representatives of Ceylon in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Overseas Telecommunication Act, No. 61 of 1957.

Short title.

2. All the movable and immovable property in Ceylon purchased by the Government of Ceylon from the company known as Cable and Wireless Limited (hereafter in this Act referred to as "the Company") shall be deemed to have been validly transferred to, and become the property of, the Crown free from all encumbrances, notwithstanding any defect in any instrument by which such purchase was effected.

Validation of the purchase made by the Government of Ceylon of property of Cable and Wireless Limited.

3. Where the Company agrees to transfer to the Government of Ceylon any sum lying in a pension or superannuation fund of the Company to the credit of any member of the staff of the Overseas Telecommunication Service of the Posts and Telecommunication Department who was an employee of the Company on May 31, 1951, that sum shall be paid to the Deputy Secretary to the Treasury to be credited to the Consolidated Fund of Ceylon.

Payment to the Consolidated Fund of Ceylon of sums lying in pension or superannuation fund of the Company to the credit of certain members of the staff of the Overseas Telecommunication Service.

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Payment out of the Consolidated Fund of Ceylon of sums payable by Government of Ceylon under agreement with Commonwealth Telecommunications Board.

Authority for the High Commissioner of Ceylon in the United Kingdom to execute agreement.

4. All sums required to be paid by the Government of Ceylon by any agreement that may be entered into by the Government of Ceylon with the Commonwealth Telecommunications Board in pursuance of the Commonwealth Telegraphs Agreement dated May 11, 1948, shall be paid out of the Consolidated Fund of Ceylon.

5. The High Commissioner of Ceylon in the United Kingdom is hereby authorised to execute, acting in the name and on behalf of the Government of Ceylon, any agreement that the Government of Ceylon may have to enter into with the Commonwealth Telecommunications Board in pursuance of the Commonwealth Telegraphs Agreement dated May 11, 1948.