

Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Ceylon, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof.

No. 5.—1868.

STUDHOLME HODGSON.

An Ordinance for taking a Census of this Island.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient that arrangements should be made for facilitating the enumeration of the inhabitants of this Island: IT IS HEREBY ENACTED BY THE GOVERNOR OF CEYLON, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

Commencement of Ordinance.

1. THIS Ordinance shall come into operation on a day to be named by the Governor in a Proclamation to be by him for that purpose issued.

Governor may authorise enumeration to be made, and may appoint Officers therefor.

2. THE Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, may from time to time as he may deem necessary, authorise and direct an enumeration to be made of the inhabitants of this Island, or of any Province or District or Portion thereof, and may appoint any date or dates upon, or within which such enumeration shall be made, and may appoint Officers to superintend the same. PROVIDED always, that one clear month previous to such enumeration being commenced, notice of intention to make the same, with the date or dates upon, or within which, it is intended to be made, the names of the Officers appointed to superintend the same, and all other necessary particulars, shall be published in the *Government Gazette*, and that the said notice shall be also proclaimed by beat of tom-tom in every place in which the enumeration is to be made.

Officers appointed by Governor to make necessary arrangements.

3. ANY Officer appointed to superintend any such enumeration shall, in accordance with the instructions of the Governor, appoint such enumerators, and make such arrangements generally as may to him or them appear necessary for the purposes of such enumeration.

Returns to be left at each house to be filled up.

4. EACH Enumerator or other Officer appointed under this Ordinance shall, agreeably to his instructions, leave at each house or place of residence within his respective District, four days at least before the time appointed for the collection of the completed Returns of Census, a blank Schedule or Return of such form, and containing such particulars as the Governor may direct, to be duly filled up and signed by the owner, tenant, or principal occupant of the said house or place of residence.

Name of Officers appointed to be inserted in each return.

5. EVERY Census, Schedule, or Return issued under the authority of this Ordinance, shall bear the name of the Officer authorized by Government to direct or superintend the enumeration of the population of the Province, District or place in which such Schedule or Return shall be issued.

Penalty for neglect or refusal to fill up Returns.

6. ANY person wilfully neglecting or refusing correctly to fill up and affix his signature to any such Schedule or Return so left at his house or place of residence, or who shall neglect or refuse to return the same to the Enumerator or other Officer when called upon so to do, or to furnish the necessary information to an Enumerator or other Officer to fill up the same for him, if he may not know how to write, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding Five pounds, and may also be detained in custody until he shall have correctly filled up and signed the said Schedule or Return.

Amendment of defective Returns.

7. ANY Enumerator or other Officer employed in the collection of such Schedules or Returns, if he shall find any of the same defective, or in any respect improperly filled in, shall return the same to the occupant of the house or residence to which they relate; together with a written or printed notice requiring that the same be duly filled in or amended within a specified period not less than twenty-four nor more than forty-eight hours, and if such occupant shall then fail so to fill in or amend any such Schedule or Return, he shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding Five pounds, and may also be detained in custody until he shall correctly fill in or amend the said Schedule or Returns.

Passed in Council, the Twenty-third day of September, One thousand Eight hundred and Sixty-eight.

JAMES SWAN,
Clerk to the Council.

Assented to by His Honor the Officer Administering the Government, the Twenty-third day of October, One thousand Eight hundred and Sixty-eight, and published by his Order.

WILLIAM CHAS. GIBSON,
Colonial Secretary.

NOTICES.

AS required by the second clause of the Ordinance No. 5 of 1868, entitled "*An Ordinance for taking a Census of this Island*," notice is hereby given, that it is intended to make an enumeration of the inhabitants of Ceylon on the night of the 26th of March, 1871, and that Mr. W. J. MACCARTHY, the Registrar-General, has been appointed to superintend the same, in conjunction with the Government Agents of the several Provinces and their District Assistants.

The Government Agents are hereby required to proclaim this notice by beat of tom-tom throughout their respective Provinces.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, 13th January, 1871.

By Command of the Governor,
HENRY T. IRVING,
Colonial Secretary.