

"regulation" means a regulation made under this Ordinance by the Minister ;[1]
 " scheme" means the scheme referred to in section 9 ;
 " surveyed" means surveyed by the Surveyor-General or under his authority ;
 " Surveyor-General " means the Surveyor-General of Ceylon or any other officer deputed to act on his behalf for the purposes of this Ordinance to the extent to which such officer is deputed ;
 " title " means right, title, or interest;
 " unit of subdivision " means the minimum extent of land below which a holding cannot lawfully be subdivided ;
 " unprotected holding " means a holding other than a protected holding.

CHAPTER I

APPOINTMENT, POWERS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- Appointment and duties of Land Commissioner. **3.**
- (1) There may be appointed[8] a Land Commissioner who shall be responsible-
 (a) for the due performance of the duties and functions assigned to him as Land Commissioner under this Ordinance ;
 (b) for the general supervision and control of all Government Agents and land officers in the administration of Crown land and in the exercise and discharge of the powers and duties conferred and imposed upon them by this Ordinance.
 (2) In the exercise of his powers and in the discharge of his duties under this Ordinance, the Land Commissioner shall be subject to the general direction and control of the Minister.¹
- Powers of Land Commissioner. **4.**
- (1) The Land Commissioner may from time to time give general or special directions to a Government Agent or to a land officer as to the performance of his duties relating to land administration and may direct or authorize any question of doubt or difficulty in connexion with such duties to be referred to the Land Commissioner for decision.
 (2) Any direction or decision of the Land Commissioner shall be observed and given effect to by the Government Agent or by the land officer as the case may be.
- Appointment of Assistant Land Commissioners and other officers. Land officers. **5.**
- There may be appointed[3] one or more Assistant Land Commissioners and such other officers as may from time to time be required for the purposes of this Ordinance.
- 6.**
- (1) There may be appointed³ one or more land officers for the whole of Ceylon or for any province or district.
 (2) Every such land officer may, for the purposes of this Ordinance, perform, execute and exercise in any province or district or in the particular province or district for which he shall have been appointed, all or any of the functions, duties and powers assigned to or imposed upon or vested in a Government Agent under this Ordinance.
 (3) Every person appointed[3] as a Settlement Officer or as an Assistant Settlement Officer under the Land Settlement Ordinance, shall be deemed to be appointed a land officer for the whole of Ceylon for the purposes of this Ordinance.
- All officers to be public servants. **7.**
- All officers appointed for the purposes of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be public servants within the meaning of the Penal Code.

CHAPTER II

MAPPING-OUT OF CROWN LAND

- Purposes for which Crown land may be mapped out. **8.**
- Subject to the general or special directions of the Land Commissioner, Crown land may be mapped out by the Government Agent for any one or more of the following purposes : -
 (a) village expansion ;
 (b) village forest;
 (c) village pasture ;
 (d) chena cultivation ;
 (e) village purposes not herein specified ;
 (f) colonization;
 (g) protection of the sources or courses of streams ;