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AN ACT TO AMEND THE COURTS ORDINANCE.

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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 Courts short title (Amendment) Act, No. 39 of 1953.
- 2. The following section is hereby inserted immediately after section 51 in Chapter IV, and shall have effect as section 51A, of the Courts Ordinance, hereinafter referred to as the "principal enactment":—

Insertion of new section 51A in Chapter 6.

Taxation of costs in proceedings under this Chapter. 51A. All costs awarded by the Supreme Court in any proceedings under this Chapter shall, except where the Court orders otherwise, be taxed in accordance with the rates specified in Part IV of the Second Schedule to the Civil Procedure Code.

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3. Section 83A of the principal enactment (inserted by Ordinance No. 40 of 1938) is hereby amended by the substitution, for the words "for every district of the Island", of the words "for the area specified in respect of him".

Amendment of section 83A of the principal enactment.

4. The following section is hereby inserted immediately after section 84 in Chapter VIII, and shall have effect as section 84A, of the principal enactment:—

Insertion of new section 84a in the principal enactment.

Minister's power to amend the Third and the Fourth Schedules.

- 84A. (1) The Minister may, by Order published in the *Gazette*, amend the Third or Fourth Schedule or replace any of those Schedules with a new Schedule.
- (2) No Order made under sub-section (1) shall have effect until it is approved by the Senate and the House of Representatives and notice of such approval is published in the *Gazette*.

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Amendment of the Third Schedule.

- 5. The Third Schedule to the principal enactment (inserted by Ordinance No. 40 of 1938) is hereby amended by the addition, at the end thereof, under the heading "Justices of the Peace for portions of the Island", of the following:—
 - "The Presidents of Rural Courts for the respective areas of jurisdiction of those Courts".

Replacement of the Fourth Schedule. 6. The Fourth Schedule to the principal enactment (inserted by Ordinance No. 40 of 1938) is hereby repealed and the following Schedule is substituted therefor:—

" Fourth Schedule.

Persons who are Unofficial Magistrates by virtue of office.

The Presidents of Rural Courts for the respective areas of jurisdiction of those Courts ".