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AN ACT TO AMEND THE PRINTING PRESSES  
ORDINANCE.

Chapter 136.  
(Vol. III  
p. 613).

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BE it enacted by the King'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 Printing Presses (Amendment) Act, No. 20 of 1951.

Short title.

2. Section 2 of the Printing Presses Ordinance (hereinafter referred to as "the principal enactment") is hereby amended as follows:—

Amendment of  
section 2 of  
Chapter 136.

(a) in sub-section (2) of that section, by the substitution, for the words "Government Agent of the province," of the word "Registrar,"; and

(b) by the addition, at the end of that section, of the following new sub-section:—

"(4) The Registrar shall transmit a copy of every declaration received by him under sub-section (2) to the Government Agent of the province in which the press to which the declaration relates is kept."

3. The following new section is hereby inserted in the principal enactment immediately after section 3, and shall have effect as section 3A, of that enactment:—

Insertion of new  
section 3A in the  
principal  
enactment.

"Declarations  
and offences  
by incor-  
porated  
companies  
and other  
corporations.

3A. (1) Where the person who is required to make a declaration under section 2 is an incorporated company or any other corporation, an officer of that company or other corporation shall make and sign that declaration on behalf of that company or other corporation.

(2) Where an offence under section 3 is committed by an incorporated company or any other corporation, every person who at the time of the commission of that offence was a director, manager or secretary of that company or was an officer of that other corporation or was purporting to act in any such capacity, shall be

deemed to be guilty of that offence unless he proves that that offence was committed without his consent or connivance and that he exercised all such diligence to prevent the commission of that offence as he ought to have exercised having regard to the nature of his functions in that capacity and to all the circumstances. ”.

Amendment of  
section 7 of the  
principal  
enactment.

4. Section 7 of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows:—

- (a) in the definition of “ paper ”, by the substitution, for the full stop occurring at the end of that definition, of a semicolon; and
- (b) by the addition, at the end of that section, of the following definition:—

“ Registrar ” means the Registrar of Books and Newspapers of the Department of the Government Archivist and includes any Assistant Registrar of Books and Newspapers of that Department. ’