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AN ACT TO AMEND THE ANTIQUITIES ORDINANCE,  
No. 9 OF 1940.

[Date of Assent: February 18, 1955]

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 Antiquities (Amendment) Act, No. 2 of 1955.

Short title.

2. Section 25 of the Antiquities Ordinance, No. 9 of 1940, hereinafter referred to as "the principal enactment", is hereby amended in sub-section (1) of that section, by the addition, at the end of that sub-section, of the following:—

Amendment of  
section 25  
of Ordinance  
No. 9 of 1940.

" Provided, however, that where the owner of any land on which any ancient monument is situated commences the erection of any building or the carrying on of any mining, quarrying or blasting operations on such land after a notice of the intention to declare such monument to be a protected monument is published in the *Gazette* under section 19, he shall not be entitled to any compensation for any loss or damage suffered by reason of the prohibition or restriction of such erection or operations by any regulation made under section 24. "

3. Section 33 of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows:—

Amendment of  
section 33 of  
the principal  
enactment.

(a) by the repeal of sub-section (1) of that section and the substitution therefor of the following new sub-section:—

" (1) The Archaeological Commissioner may—

(a) with the approval of the Land Commissioner, or

(b) if approval is refused by the Land Commissioner, with the approval of the Minister to whom the subject of Crown lands is for the time being assigned,

declare, by notification published in the *Gazette*, any specified area of that land to be an archaeological reserve for the purposes of this Ordinance.”; and

- (b) in sub-section (2) of that section, by the substitution, for all the words from “section” to the end of that sub-section, of the word “section.”

Amendment of  
 section 34 of  
 the principal  
 enactment.

4. Section 34 of the principal enactment is hereby amended, in the proviso to that section, by the substitution, for the words “the Lands Resumption Ordinance.”, of the words “the Lands Resumption Ordinance or has been in the possession of the Crown immediately before the date on which the offence is committed.”

Amendment of  
 section 40 of  
 the principal  
 enactment.

5. Section 40 of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows:—

- (1) by the re-lettering of paragraph (c) of that section as paragraph (d); and
- (2) by the insertion, immediately after paragraph (b) of that section, of the following new paragraph:—

“ (c) to purchase valuable antiquities, other than ancient monuments, with such funds as may be granted for the purpose by Parliament; ”

Amendment of  
 section 47 of  
 the principal  
 enactment.

6. Section 47 of the principal enactment is hereby amended, in sub-section (2) of that section, as follows:—

- (1) in paragraph (h) of that sub-section, by the omission of the word “and”;
- (2) by the re-lettering of paragraph (i) of that sub-section as paragraph (j); and
- (3) by the insertion, immediately after paragraph (h) of that sub-section, of the following new paragraph:—

“ (i) the supervision or control of dealers in antiquities, and the issue of licences for the purposes of such supervision or control; and ”.