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An Ordinance to enable the Government of the Colony of Sierra Leone to establish and maintain public transport services in the Colony and Protectorate.

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Short title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Public Transport Services Ordinance, and shall apply to the Colony and Protectorate.

Power to establish public transport services.

2. The Governor may establish and maintain public transport services for the conveyance of passengers and goods commencing and terminating at such points as shall be approved of by the Governor in Council.

Power to appropriate particular routes, roads, etc., to vehicles employed in transport services by Government.

3. The Governor in Council may by Order appropriate particular routes, roads and streets to the use of vehicles employed in the public transport services established and maintained by the Government, to the exclusion of the use of such routes, roads and streets by any or every other kind of public vehicle or particular class of public vehicle plying for passenger hire or fares or conveying goods for profit, subject to such qualifications and exceptions as the Order may specify:

Provided always, however, that no such appropriation shall affect such traffic proceeding to or from towns or villages outside

the limits of any such particular routes, and provided further that any vehicles engaged in such traffic shall not take up or set down any passengers or goods along the particular routes, roads and streets appropriated and reserved to the use of public transport service vehicles.

4. The Governor in Council may make rules for all or any of the following purposes, and may regulate therein any particular kind of public transport service and specify the district, town or place to which such rules may apply:

Power to make rules.

(a) for regulating the travelling upon and use of vehicles engaged in the public transport services;

(b) for preventing the commission of any nuisances or offences in or upon any vehicle so employed;

(c) for fixing passenger fares, rates for goods and special charges for hire of such vehicles;

(d) for fixing the stands for such vehicles, and the points at which they may stop a longer time than is necessary for the taking up and setting down of passengers desirous of entering or leaving the same;

(e) for imposing conditions with respect to the receiving, forwarding and delivering of goods;

(f) generally for the carrying into effect the purposes of this Ordinance.

5. The General Manager of the Sierra Leone Railway, or such other public officer as the Governor may appoint, shall have the control and management of any public transport service established under the provisions of this Ordinance, and for that purpose may—

Control and management.
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(a) appoint such officers as may be necessary for superintending and working any public transport service, and assign their several and respective duties to such officers, and from time to time remove such officers and appoint others in their places;

(b) do such other things as appear to him to be necessary or expedient for maintaining, working and increasing the utility of any public transport service.

The exercise of the powers conferred by this section shall be subject to the control of the Governor.

* Now the Director of the Road Transport Department.

General
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6. All actions and suits arising out of, or founded upon, contractual rights and liabilities in respect of any loss or damage, occurring in connection with the business of the public transport services, may be brought by or against the General Manager of the Sierra Leone Railway or such other officer as may for the time being have been appointed by the Governor under section 5 of this Ordinance to have the control and management of such public transport services:

Provided that where in any such action or suit the General Manager or such other officer is the defendant, no execution or attachment or process in the nature thereof shall be issued against the General Manager or such other officer or against any property of Her Majesty, but any sums of money as may by the judgment of the court be awarded to the plaintiff shall be paid from the Colonial Treasury on the warrant of the Governor.

Expenses of
maintaining
public
transport
services.

7. (1) The Governor may from time to time, by warrant under his hand directed to the Accountant General, pay from and out of the general revenue of the Colony, all expenses and moneys incurred, or due, for, or in respect of the maintaining or keeping in repair of any vehicles, stock, machinery, apparatus, implements and materials required or used in, or about or in relation to any public transport service and the payment of the salaries of all officers and workmen employed in, or about or in relation to any public transport service and any other expenses incurred in relation to any such public transport service.

Receipts.

(2) All moneys paid or received in respect of the conveyance of passengers or goods and all other income shall be paid to the Accountant General for the benefit of the general revenue.
