

*Transit of Goods.***No. 4 of 1893.****An Ordinance to ensure the supervision and safe transit of Goods, Produce, and Merchandise from one part of this Island to another.****Preamble.**

**W**HEREAS it is expedient to make further provision for the supervision and safe transit of goods, produce, and merchandise from one part of this island to another: Be it therefore enacted by the Governor of Ceylon, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:

To provide for security of goods, &c., in transit, Governor and Executive Council may authorize fees to be levied at certain places.

**1** Whenever it shall be deemed advisable by the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, that along any particular public road, river, or canal of this island, goods, produce, or merchandise conveyed in carts or boats should be supervised and protected, the Governor, with the advice of such Council, may by Proclamation authorize at any particular place or places, along such road, river, or canal, the levy of a fee for the purposes of defraying the expenses of the protection and supervision of goods, produce, and merchandise as aforesaid, and may fix the amount of the fee to be so levied; provided that the same shall not exceed fifty cents for each cart, and provided that whenever a fee shall be authorized to be so levied the same shall be notified in the *Government Gazette* not less than fourteen days previously to the date on which such fee shall become leviable.

Fees so paid to be expended on cost of supervision on road, &c., where levied.

**2** All moneys which may be collected under this Ordinance shall be expended in defraying the cost of the police and other incidental expenses along the road, river, or canal on which such fee or fees may be levied, but for no other purpose whatsoever.

Term "cart" only to include carts plying for hire, and not coaches, carriages, and hackeries.

**3** The term "cart" in this Ordinance means a cart conveying goods, produce, or merchandise, but shall not include a carriage, coach, or hackery.

Powers of the Governor in Executive Council to revoke and amend any Proclamation issued under section 1.

**4** (1) It shall be lawful for the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, by Proclamation in the *Government Gazette*—

- (a) To revoke any Proclamation issued under section 1, and upon such revocation this Ordinance shall cease to have any effect along such road, river, or canal described in such Proclamation; or
- (b) To exempt from the operation of this Ordinance any portion or portions of any road, river, or canal described in any Proclamation issued under section 1;
- (c) To alter the particular place or places or the fee fixed by any Proclamation issued under section 1.

(2) The Governor, with the like advice, may by Proclamation in the *Government Gazette* re-issue any Proclamation revoked under sub-section (a) or alter, modify, or revoke any exemptions or alterations made under sub-section (b) or (c).

21st November, 1893.