

No. 4 of 1894.

An Ordinance to provide for the continuance of the Export Duty on Tea levied under Ordinance No. 15 of 1892.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the continuance of the export duty on tea levied under the Ordinance No. 15 of 1892, after the expenses of the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago shall have been paid and discharged, in order that the proceeds of such duty may be devoted to increasing the consumption of Ceylon tea in foreign lands : Be it therefore enacted by the Governor of Ceylon, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows :

Commencement of levy of export duty, and rate of duty.

1 So soon after the Ordinance No. 15 of 1892, intituled "An Ordinance to levy an Export Duty on Tea," shall have ceased to be in force,* there shall be raised, levied, and paid upon all tea of the produce of this island exported beyond seas a duty not exceeding twenty cents per one

* No. 15 of 1892 ceased to be in force on the 31st October, 1894.

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hundred pounds, the rate leviable to be determined by the Governor in Executive Council from time to time, upon consideration of such recommendations as may be made by the joint committee appointed by the Planters' Association of Ceylon on the fifteenth of June, 1894, and by the Chamber of Commerce on the eighteenth of June, 1894, or the successors in office of such committee, to administer the funds raised under this Ordinance, and such duty shall be independent of, and in addition to, any duty which may be imposed under the provisions of "The Medical Wants Ordinance, 1880, Amendment Ordinance, 1882."

2 The duty under this Ordinance shall be levied at the customs on the entry for exportation of tea, and shall be payable to, and shall be collected and received by, the proper officers of the customs department, and the payment thereof shall be enforced under the provisions of the Ordinance No. 17 of 1869, intituled "An Ordinance for the General Regulation of Customs in the Island of Ceylon."

Levy of export duty to be enforced under Ordinance No. 17 of 1869.

3 The proceeds of the levy hereby enacted shall be applied towards increasing the consumption of Ceylon tea in foreign lands in such manner as may from time to time be desired and determined by the joint committee appointed for the purpose by the Planters' Association of Ceylon on the fifteenth of June, 1894, and by the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce on the eighteenth of June, 1894, or the successors in office of such committee, provided that such manner of application of the proceeds of the said levy be subject to the approval of the Governor in Executive Council.

Proceeds of duty how to be applied.

4 This Ordinance shall cease to be in force from and after such time as the Governor in Executive Council shall appoint by Proclamation to be published in the *Government Gazette*.

Duration of the Ordinance.

29th August, 1894.