

*Minicoy and Basses Lights.***No. 1.—1882.**

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An Ordinance to declare the consent of the Legislature to the erection of a Lighthouse on Minicoy Island, and to the levy of dues in respect thereof, and to fix the dues payable in respect of the Minicoy and Great and Little Basses Lights.

Title.

WHEREAS by the 2nd section of the Merchant Shipping Act Amendment Act, 1855, it is enacted that "In any case in which any lighthouse, buoy, or beacon has been or is hereafter erected or placed on or near the coasts of any British possession, by or with the consent of the Legislative authority of such possession, Her Majesty may, by order in Council, fix such dues in respect thereof, to be paid by the owner or master of every ship which passes the same or derives benefit therefrom, as Her Majesty may deem reasonable, and may in like manner from time to time increase, diminish, or repeal such dues; and from the time specified in such order for the commencement of the dues thereby fixed, increased, or diminished, the same shall be leviable throughout Her Majesty's dominions, in manner hereinafter mentioned:"

Preamble.

And whereas by the 3rd section of the said Act it is further enacted that "No such dues as aforesaid shall be levied in any colony unless and until the Legislative authority in such colony has, either by address to the Crown, or by an Act or Ordinance duly passed, signified its opinion that the same ought to be levied in such colony:"

And whereas it is proposed to erect a lighthouse on Minicoy Island, near the coasts of this colony, with the consent of the Legislature thereof, and it is expedient that such consent should be given, and also that the Legislature should, by Ordinance, signify its opinion that such dues as aforesaid ought to be levied in the colony:

And whereas Her Majesty has signified through Her Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies that the dues to be levied by Her Order in Council in Ceylon on each vessel will be as follows, viz. :—In respect of the lighthouse on the Island of Minicoy at cents (2½) two and-a-half per ton; in respect of the lighthouse on the Great Basses rocks and the lighthouse on the Little Basses rocks at cents (7½) seven and-a-half per ton:

It is hereby enacted by the Governor of Ceylon, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as "The Minicoy Lighthouse and Lighthouse Dues Ordinance, 1882."

Short Title.

2. The consent of the Legislature is hereby given to the erection of a lighthouse on the Island of Minicoy.

Lighthouse to be erected at Minicoy.

3. The opinion of the Legislature is hereby signified that the dues so to be fixed, by Her Majesty by Order in Council under the authority of the 2nd section of the said recited Act, in respect of the said lighthouse on the Island of Minicoy and in respect of the lighthouse on the Great Basses rocks and of the

Fees for said lighthouse and those at Great and Little Basses to be collected as per schedule.

lighthouse on the Little Basses rocks and set forth in the schedule hereunder written, ought to be levied in this colony, and the light dues so set forth in the schedule hereto shall be payable in accordance with the provisions of any Order made by Her Majesty in Council in respect of all ships whatever arriving or touching at any port or place in this colony, except ships belonging to Her Majesty, and ships belonging to the Ceylon Government.

SCHEDULE.

TABLE OF DUES.

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| 1. In respect of the lighthouse on the Island of Minicoy | | } Cents 2½ of a rupee per ton. |
| 2. In respect of the lighthouse on the Great Basses rocks and in respect of the lighthouse on the Little Basses rocks | | } Cents 7½ of a rupee per ton. |

Passed in Council the Eleventh day of October, One thousand Eight hundred and Eighty-two.

J. A. SWETTENHAM,
Clerk to the Council.

Assented to by His Excellency the Governor the Fourteenth day of October, One thousand Eight hundred and Eighty-two.

J. DOUGLAS,
Colonial Secretary.
