

*Transit of Merchandize.***No. 5. - 1885.**

An Ordinance to ensure the supervision and safe transit of Goods, Produce, and Merchandize from one part of this Island to another.

ARTHUR GORDON.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient to make further provision for the supervision and safe transit of goods, produce, and merchandize 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 merchandize 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 merchandize as aforesaid, and may fix the amount of the fee to be so levied; provided that the same shall not exceed 50 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 14 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 merchandize, but shall not include a carriage, coach, or hackery.

4. This Ordinance shall continue in force until the 31st day of December inclusively, 1886, or, if the Legislative Council be then in session, then until the end of such session.

Passed in Council the Twenty-seventh day of January, One thousand Eight hundred and Eighty-five.

R. H. SINCLAIR,
Acting Clerk to the Council.

Assented to by His Excellency the Governor the Twenty-eighth day of January, One thousand Eight hundred and Eighty-five.

JOHN F. DICKSON,
Acting Colonial Secretary.