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An Ordinance to provide for the Improvement of the Galle Harbour.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the improvement of the Harbour of Galle: IT IS ENACTED BY THE GOVERNOR OF CEYLON, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

Short title.

1. THIS Ordinance may be cited for all purposes as the "Galle Harbour Ordinance."

Power to Government to borrow money for improving Harbour. 2. IT shall be lawful for the Governor of Ceylon, by and with the advice of the Executive Council, to borrow from the Public Works' Loan Commissioners in England, for the purpose of improving the Harbour of Galle, any sum or sums of money not exceeding in the whole I wo hundred and Fifty thousand pounds sterling, the amount so borrowed, and the interest thereon, being charged on and made parable out of the general revenue of this Island.

Governor to issue his warrant for the payment of an annuity of 5 per cent, for payment of principal and interest. 3. IT shall be lawful for the Governor to issue his warrant upon the Treasury, from time to time, for the payment to the Public Works' Lean Coumissioners in England of an annuity for thirty-five years of five per cent, upon the amount so borrowed, three-and-a-half per cent, of this sum being interest on the advances, and one-and-a-half per cent, a payment towards the extinction of the principal of the debt.

4. THE money borrowed under the authority of this Ordinance shall be appropriated for the purpose of improving the said Harbour of Galle, and for no other purpose.

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Appropriation of money so borrowed.

5. IT shall be lawful for the Governor, by and with the advice of the Executive Council, to levy when necessary, in lieu of the Port dues now levied at salle, under the Customs Ordinaice, No. 17 of 1869, all or any of the dues specified in the Schedules A. and B. hereto annexed, not exceeding the rates therein expressed; and notice of the dues to be so levied from time to time at Galle shall be made by Proclamation in the Government Gazette, and shall have the effect of law. PRO-VIDED always that the total revenue so raised from the Shipping frequenting the Port of Galle, inclusive of the Pilotage due levied under the "Masters Attendant's Orainance, No. 6 of 1865," shall not exceed the amount which may be required (1) for the payment of the annuity, (2) for the upkeep of the proposed works, and (3) for defraying such other charges as may be necessary for the efficient management,

Government empowered to

6. THE Crown Agents for the Colonies for the time being are hereby authorized to receive from time to time, the moneys so borrowed as before provided from the Public Works' Loan Commissioners, and to give acknowledgments on behalf of the Ceylon Government for the same, defining in such acknowledgments the times and terms of repayment, with interest in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

pilotage, and lighting of the Port

The Crown Agents to receive moneys and to grant acknowledgments.

SCHEDULES.

A Harbour due on coals, coke and patent fuel, discharged, landed, or transhipped—not exceeding ... 2s. per ton. B. CLASS 1.

An inward due on registered tonnage of all foreign-going Steamers and Sailing vessels (except Native vessels) landing or transhipping cargo—not exceeding 6d. per ton.

An outward due on ditto ditto, shipping cargo, or coals—not exceeding ... 6d. do.

CLASS 2.

CLASS 3.

An inward due on registered tonnage of all commuted Coastwise vessels (including Coastwise 1d. per ton. Steamers) of 1d. do. do. do An outward due on do. do. An inward ue on registered tonnage of all vessels entering in ballast or with cargo, and subsequently do. leaving the Port without breaking bulk ... An outward due on registered tounage of all vessels leaving the Port in ballast or with her inward 1d. do. cargo without having broken bulk

Exemptions.

All vessels landing, shipping, or transhipping cargo not exceeding ten tons in all, will be treated as vessels in ballast, under Class 3.

By the term "Native vessels" are meant, vessels commanded and manned by Natives of the East Indies, Ceylon, the Maldives, or the Laccadives.

Passed in Council, the Eighth day of January, One thousand Eight hundred and Seventy.

JAMES SWAN,

Clerk to the Council.

Assented to by His Excellency the Governor, the Eleventh day of January, One thousand Eight hundred and Seventy.

HENRY T. IRVING, Colonial Secretary,