

No. 21 of 1873.

An Ordinance to provide for the collection of the sums due to the Crown on Plumbago.

(See No. 22 of 1877.)

WHEREAS a certain sum in lieu of rent is now levied on all plumbago dug on Crown lands, and a royalty is due to the Crown on all plumbago dug on private lands, and the payment of these dues is largely evaded, and it is expedient to secure the same by collecting them as a royalty at the different ports of shipment: It is enacted by the Governor of Ceylon, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:

1 There shall be raised, levied, and paid, as a royalty upon all plumbago of the produce of this island exported beyond seas, a duty of *twenty-five* cents per hundred weight.

2 The person entering outwards any plumbago to be exported from any port in this island shall deliver to the collector a bill of the entry thereof, fairly written in words at length, expressing the name of the ship, and of the master, and of the place to which the mineral is to be exported, and of the person in whose name the mineral is to be entered, and the quantity and the value thereof; anything contained in the Ordinance No. 17 of 1869, entitled "An Ordinance for the general regulation of Customs in the Island of Ceylon," to the contrary notwithstanding; and shall at the same time pay down any sums which may be due as royalty upon the exportation of any such plumbago. And such person shall also deliver, at the same time, one or more duplicates of such entry, in which all sums and numbers may be expressed in figures; and the particulars to be contained in such entry shall be written and arranged in such form and manner, and the number of such duplicates shall be such as the collector shall require; and such entry, being duly signed by the collector, shall be the warrant for examination and shipment of such plumbago.

3 If any plumbago, which is subject to any sums due as royalty in respect of exportation, shall be laden, or waterborne to be laden, on board any ship before due entry shall

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Dues on
plumbago.
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Bill of entry.

Value.

Duplicate.

Plumbago laden
before entry
forfeited.

have been made, and warrant granted, or before such plumbago shall have been duly cleared for shipment, or if such plumbago shall not agree with the bill of entry, the same shall be forfeited together with the package in which it is contained.

Provisions of Ordinance 17 of 1869 to be in force and put in execution with regard to the dues hereby imposed.

4 This Ordinance and the Ordinance No. 17 of 1869 shall be read and construed as one Ordinance ; and all the provisions of the said last mentioned Ordinance shall respectively be of full force and effect, with respect to the dues imposed by this Ordinance, and to the persons liable to the payment thereof, and to the fines and forfeitures hereby imposed, so far as the same are or shall be applicable in all cases not hereby expressly provided for ; and shall be observed, applied, allowed, enforced, and put in execution, for the raising, levying, collecting, and securing the dues hereby imposed, and otherwise in relation thereto, so far as the same shall be consistent with this Ordinance, as fully and effectually to all intents and purposes as if the same had been herein repeated and specially enacted.

Ordinance when to come into operation.

5 This Ordinance shall come into operation on the First day of April, 1874.

22nd December, 1873.
