

ACT No. VII OF 1858.

PASSED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF INDIA.

(Received the assent of the Governor General on the 1st March 1858.)

AN ACT for the levy of Port-dues and fees at Ports within the Presidency of Fort Saint George.

WHEREAS it is necessary to fix the amount of the Port-dues and fees to be hereafter levied and taken, in accordance with the provisions of Act XXII of 1855, in the several Ports named in the Schedule to this Act, being Ports within the Presidency of Fort Saint George; It is enacted as follows:—

Preamble.

I. Port-dues, at rates not exceeding the rates contained in the Schedule to this Act, shall be chargeable in respect of every sea-going vessel of the burden of twenty tons and upwards, other than Dhonies and Country vessels employed in the coasting trade, which shall enter any of the said Ports. Port-dues shall be chargeable in respect of Dhonies and Country vessels employed in the coasting trade, at rates equal to one-half the rates chargeable in respect of other vessels.

Port-dues on sea-going vessels of 20 tons and upwards, other than Dhonies and Country vessels, entering Port.

Port-dues on Dhonies and Country vessels.

Port-dues to be chargeable only once in sixty days in respect of the same vessel.

II. Provided that no such dues as aforesaid shall be chargeable at any of the said Ports oftener than once in sixty days in respect of the same vessel.

III. Vessels entering any of the said Ports, and leaving such Port within seven days without discharging or taking in any cargo or passenger therein, shall be charged with one-half only of the Port-due which would otherwise be chargeable.

Port-due on vessels leaving Port within seven days without discharging or taking in cargo.

IV. Vessels

entering any of the said Ports, and leaving such Port within seven days without discharging or taking in any cargo or passenger therein, shall be charged with one-half only of the Port-due which would otherwise be chargeable.

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IV. Vessels entering any of the said Ports in ballast shall be charged with three-fourths only of the Port-due which would otherwise be chargeable.

Port-due on vessels entering Port in ballast.

V. In any of the said Ports, a fee according to the scale hereinafter mentioned may be charged for measuring any vessel (that is to say)—

Scale of fees for measuring vessels.

Under 50 tons	Rs.	7
50 tons and under 100 tons	„	11
100 tons and under 150 tons	„	15
150 tons and under 200 tons	„	19
200 tons and under 250 tons	„	23
250 tons and under 300 tons	„	27
300 tons and upwards	„	30

VI. This Act shall commence and have effect from and after the first day of May 1858; and until this Act comes into effect, Port-dues and fees may continue to be levied at the said Ports under the rules and at the rates now in force.

Commencement of Act.

VII. The local Government shall on or before the first day of May 1858, pursuant to Section XLIII Act XXII of 1855, declare, by notification to be published in the *Fort Saint George Gazette*, the rates at which Port-dues and fees shall be levied in the said Ports subject to the provisions of and within the limits prescribed by this Act; and from and after the said date, no Port due or fee shall be levied at any of the said Ports, except under the authority of Act XXII of 1855 and of this Act.

Rates of Port-dues and fees to be published.

No other Port-dues or fees to be levied.

VIII. This Act shall be read with and taken as a part of Act XXII of 1855.

Act to be read as part of Act XXII of 1855.

SCHEDULE.

Ports.	Maximum Rate.
Madras ... 3 Annas for every ton of burden.	
Tutacorin ... 3 „ ditto ditto.	
Cocanada ... 3 „ ditto ditto.	

Cochin

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SCHEDULE—(Continued).

<i>Ports.</i>	<i>Maximum Rate.</i>		
Cochin	... 2	Annas for every ton of burden.	
Bimlipatam	... 1	„ ditto	ditto.
Vizagapatam	... 1	„ ditto	ditto.
Masulipatam	... 1	„ ditto	ditto.
Cuddalore	... 1	„ ditto	ditto.
Tranquebar	... 1	„ ditto	ditto.
Negapatam	... 1	„ ditto	ditto.
Calicut	... 1	„ ditto	ditto.
Tellicherry	... 1	„ ditto	ditto.
Cannanore	... 1	„ ditto	ditto.
Mangalore	... 1	„ ditto	ditto.

