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## DRAFT ORDINANCES.

### MINUTE.

The following Draft of a proposed Ordinance is published for general information:—

**An Ordinance to amend in certain particulars the Ordinance relating to the General Regulation of Customs.**

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS it is expedient to amend in certain particulars Ordinance No. 17 of 1869, intituled "An Ordinance for the General Regulation of Customs" (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Ordinance"): Be it therefore enacted by the Governor of Ceylon, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:

Short title.

1 This Ordinance may be cited as "The Customs Duties Amendment Ordinance, 1908," and shall be read and construed as one with the principal Ordinance.

Substitution of a new section for section 11 of the principal Ordinance.

2 For section 11 of the principal Ordinance as published in the Revised Edition of Legislative Enactments, 1907, the following section shall be substituted:

Duties to be levied and power of Legislative Council to modify duties.

11. The several duties of customs, as the same are respectively inserted, described, and set forth in figures in the table of duties (schedule B) hereto annexed, shall be levied and paid upon all goods, wares, and merchandise imported into this Island. Provided that it shall be lawful for the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, from time to time to alter and amend the official rated valuation on which the duty is assessed on cotton piece goods and yarns by Proclamation in the *Government Gazette*, not

less than three months before such alteration shall come into force; such Proclamation shall have the same effect in law as if it formed part of this Ordinance. Provided further—

(a) The Legislative Council may from time to time, by means of resolution duly passed at any public session of the Council and sanctioned by the Governor, increase, reduce, abolish, or otherwise alter the customs duty leviable on any goods imported into or exported from the Island or into or from any specified port therein, or may impose customs duty upon any goods so imported or exported whereon customs duty at the time when such resolution is passed is not leviable.

(b) No such resolution shall take effect until such resolution shall have been submitted to and sanctioned by the Secretary of State, and such sanction shall have been notified in the *Government Gazette*.

Substitution of new schedules for schedules B, C, and D.

3 For schedules B, C, and D of the principal Ordinance as published in the Revised Edition of the Legislative Enactments, 1907, there shall be substituted schedules B, C, and D annexed to this Ordinance.

SCHEDULE B.

IMPORT DUTIES.

|   | Duty.<br>Rs. c.  |
|---|--|
| Arms and ammunition, viz. :—  |  |
| Fowling-pieces, carbines, and rifles, single-barrelled .. each  | 5 0  |
| Fowling-pieces, carbines, and rifles, double-barrelled and revolving or magazine .. .. . each                       | 10 0   |
| Gunpowder, fine .. .. . per lb.   | 0 25   |
| Gunpowder, coarse, for blasting (which is incapable of being passed through a No. 10 standard mesh) .. .. . per lb. | 0 8  |
| Pistols, single-barrelled, but not magazine .. .. . each  | 2 25   |
| Pistols, double-barrelled, or magazine, or revolvers .. .. . each   | 4 50   |
| Shot .. .. . per cwt.   | 0 75   |
| Arrowroot .. .. . per cwt.  | 0 35   |
| Asphalt (12½c. per cwt.) .. .. . per ton  | 2 50   |
| Bacon, butter, cheese, and hams .. .. . per cwt.  | 3 0  |
| Barley imported solely for brewing .. .. . per cwt.   | 0 33   |
| Beef, pork, humps, tongues, salted or corned .. .. . per cwt.   | 1 25   |
| Beer, ale, porter, and all other malt liquors in wood .. .. . per gallon  | 0 13   |
| Do. do. in bottle .. .. . per gallon  | 0 17   |
| Benjamin .. .. . per cwt.   | 1 50   |
| Brassware, except blocks, bars, tubes, and wire .. .. . per cwt.  | 5 0  |
| Camphor .. .. . per cwt.  | 6 50   |
| Castor oil .. .. . per cwt.   | 1 20   |
| Cement .. .. . per cwt.   | 0 17   |
| Chillies .. .. . per cwt.   | 1 0  |
| Cloves .. .. . per cwt.   | 1 25   |
| Copperware, except bars, bolts, plates, nails, tacks, wire, and tubes .. .. . per cwt.                              | 5 0  |
| Coriander seed .. .. . per cwt.   | 0 60   |
| Cotton goods, viz. :—   |  |
| Gray cambrics .. .. .   | } on an assessed value of 55c.                                       |
| Gray jaconets .. .. .   | } per lb., for every Rs. 100   |
| Gray shirtings .. .. .  | } of the value thereof .. 4 0  |
| Gray domestics .. .. .  |  |
| Gray long cloths .. .. .  |  |
| Gray mule twist, Nos. 30 to 60 .. .. .  | } do. 45c. do. .. 4 0  |
| Gray sheetings .. .. .  |  |
| Gray tea cloths .. .. .   |  |
| Yarn, Turkey red .. .. .  | } on an assessed value of 90c.                                       |
| Yarn, other colours .. .. .   | } per lb. gray weight, for every Rs. 100 of the value thereof .. 4 0 |
| Other cotton goods, for every Rs. 100 of the value thereof .. .. .  | } do. 55c. do. .. 4 0  |
| Cummin seed .. .. . per cwt.  | 1 15   |
| Cutch .. .. . per cwt.  | 1 70   |
| Dates .. .. . per cwt.  | 0 50   |

|   |            | Duty.<br>Rs. c. |
|---|------------|-----------------|
| Fennel seed .. .. .   | per cwt.   | 0 75            |
| Fish, dried or salted, roes, fins, skins, and blood, the produce of creatures living in the sea .. .. .   | per cwt.   | 0 50            |
| Fish, Maldive (umbalakada) .. .. .  | per cwt.   | 1 0             |
| Flour, wheat .. .. .  | per cwt.   | 1 0             |
| Garlic .. .. .  | per cwt.   | 0 65            |
| Ghee .. .. .  | per cwt.   | 2 50            |
| Ginger, dry .. .. .   | per cwt.   | 0 80            |
| Kerosine oil .. .. .  | per gallon | 0 25            |
| Mace .. .. .  | per cwt.   | 10 0            |
| Mathe seed .. .. .  | per cwt.   | 0 55            |
| Metals :—   |            |                 |
| Brass : blocks, bars, wire, and tubes .. .. .   | per cwt.   | 3 0             |
| Copper : copper bars, bolts, plates, nails, tacks, wire, and tubes .. .. .  | per cwt.   | 3 0             |
| Iron, corrugated (35c. per cwt.) .. .. .  | per ton    | 7 0             |
| Iron and steel, galvanized goods of all description, including tin tacks .. .. .  | per cwt.   | 0 75            |
| Iron and steel, not galvanized : chains, wire, rivets, screws, nails, tacks, washers, bolts, and nuts .. .. .   | per cwt.   | 0 63            |
| Zinc perforated .. .. .   | per cwt.   | 3 0             |
| Onions .. .. .  | per cwt.   | 0 17            |
| Opium .. .. .   | per lb.    | 4 0             |
| Paddy .. .. .   | per cwt.   | 0 33            |
| Pepper, long .. .. .  | per cwt.   | 3 0             |
| Pepper, whole .. .. .   | per cwt.   | 1 50            |
| Perfumed spirits and bay rum .. .. .  | per gallon | 7 0             |
| Perfumery other than perfumed spirits, for every Rs. 100 of value thereof .. .. .   | —          | 5 50            |
| Poonac .. .. .  | per cwt.   | 0 25            |
| Potatoes .. .. .  | per cwt.   | 0 38            |
| Rice, wheat, gram, peas dried in bulk, beans, and other grain, except barley for brewing and paddy .. .. .  | per cwt.   | 0 50            |
| Salt .. .. .  | per cwt.   | 2 13            |
| Sago .. .. .  | per cwt.   | 0 35            |
| Saltpetre .. .. .   | per cwt.   | 0 50            |
| Spirits (not being sweetened or mixed with any articles so that the degree or strength thereof cannot be ascertained by Syke's hydrometer), for every gallon of the strength of proof by such hydrometer, and so in proportion for any greater or less strength than the strength of proof, and for any greater or less quantity than a gallon, provided that in no case shall duty be less than at the rate of Rs. 5 per gallon :— |            |                 |
| Brandy .. .. .  | per gallon | 6 0             |
| Geneva .. .. .  | per gallon | 6 0             |
| Gin .. .. .   | per gallon | 6 0             |
| Rum .. .. .   | per gallon | 6 0             |
| Whisky .. .. .  | per gallon | 6 0             |
| Unenumerated .. .. .  | per gallon | 7 0             |
| Other spirits, being sweetened or mixed so that the degree of strength cannot be ascertained as aforesaid, viz :—   |            |                 |
| Liqueurs and cordials .. .. .   | per gallon | 6 0             |
| Unenumerated .. .. .  | per gallon | 7 5             |
| Soap other than perfumed and toilet .. .. .   |            |                 |
| Sugar .. .. .   | per cwt.   | 0 50            |
| { Candy and refined .. .. .   | per cwt.   | 3 0             |
| { Unrefined .. .. .   | per cwt.   | 1 75            |
| { Palm and jaggery .. .. .  | per cwt.   | 0 75            |
| Tamarind .. .. .  | per cwt.   | 0 25            |
| Tapioca .. .. .   | per cwt.   | 0 35            |
| Tea .. .. .   | per lb.    | 0 25            |
| Tobacco .. .. .   | per lb.    | 1 50            |
| { Cigars and snuff .. .. .  | per lb.    | 0 40            |
| { Manufactured .. .. .  | per lb.    | 0 25            |
| { Unmanufactured and hooka .. .. .  | per lb.    | 0 25            |
| Turmeric .. .. .  | per cwt.   | 0 65            |
| Twine .. .. .   | per cwt.   | 1 55            |
| Wine .. .. .  | per gallon | 1 25            |
| { Claret, in bottle .. .. .   | per gallon | 1 25            |
| { Still hock, in bottle .. .. .   | per gallon | 0 50            |
| { Ginger, in wood or bottle .. .. .   | per gallon | 0 50            |
| { Claret, in wood .. .. .   | per gallon | 0 50            |
| { Still hock, in wood .. .. .   | per gallon | 2 50            |
| { Sparkling wines, in bottle .. .. .  | per gallon | 1 50            |
| { Other wines, in bottle .. .. .  | per gallon | 1 0             |
| { Wines in wood, except claret, still hock, and ginger .. .. .  | per gallon | 1 0             |

|  | Duty.<br>Rs. c. |
|--|-----------------|
| Cartridges, fuse, dynamite, detonators, percussion caps, and fireworks, for every Rs. 100 of the value thereof .. .. .   | — 20 0          |
| (1) Vinegar in cask, (2) green copperas, for every Rs. 100 of the value thereof .. .. .  | — 2 75          |
| All other goods, wares, merchandise, and machinery not otherwise charged with duty or prohibited, and not comprised in the Table of Exemptions hereinafter set forth, for every Rs. 100 of the value thereof .. .. . | — 5 50          |

Table of Exemptions.

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| Advertising matter, including printed almanacs, pocket books, diaries, ash trays, calendars, show cards, show plates and frames, call bells, paper knives, and blotting pads .. .. .   | Free |
| Aerated water bottles .. .. .  | Free |
| Animals, viz., horses, mules, asses, cattle, and all other live stock .. .. .  | Free |
| Arecanuts .. .. .  | Free |
| Artists' materials for drawing and painting .. .. .  | Free |
| Blotting paper .. .. .   | Free |
| Books and maps, printed, and book covers .. .. .   | Free |
| Bricks and tiles and glass tiles .. .. .   | Free |
| Bullion, coin, precious stones the produce of Ceylon pearl oysters, and pearls .. .. .   | Free |
| Cardamoms .. .. .  | Free |
| Cardboard .. .. .  | Free |
| Cards, blank, Christmas, wedding, and birthday cards .. .. .   | Free |
| Casks (empty), shooks, and staves .. .. .  | Free |
| Castor seed poonac .. .. .   | Free |
| Coal, coke, and patent fuel .. .. .  | Free |
| Coconuts and coconut oil .. .. .   | Free |
| Coffee, pure, in bean or ground, in tins .. .. .   | Free |
| Coir yarn, rope, junks, fibre, twine, and strands .. .. .  | Free |
| Copra .. .. .  | Free |
| Cotton wool .. .. .  | Free |
| Cowries and shells (not tortoise-shell) .. .. .  | Free |
| Dammar .. .. .   | Free |
| Drums, for oil .. .. .   | Free |
| Felt .. .. .   | Free |
| Filter bagging and cloth for filters .. .. .   | Free |
| Frozen or refrigerated meat .. .. .  | Free |
| Fruit (fresh, and not in any way preserved) .. .. .  | Free |
| Grindstones .. .. .  | Free |
| Gunnies and gunny cloth .. .. .  | Free |
| Hay and straw, cut or uncut .. .. .  | Free |
| Hoop iron and hoop steel .. .. .   | Free |
| Hops .. .. .   | Free |
| Horns .. .. .  | Free |
| Ice .. .. .  | Free |
| Instruments, scientific, surgical, mathematical, &c. .. .. .   | Free |
| Jute .. .. .   | Free |
| Liquid fuel, the product of petroleum, with a flashing point not under 150° F., Abel's close test .. .. .  | Free |
| Lime and clay .. .. .  | Free |
| Printed music .. .. .  | Free |
| Machinery, viz. :—   |      |
| Prime movers and component parts thereof, including boilers and component parts thereof ; also including locomotive and portable engines, steam rollers, fire engines, and other machines in which the prime mover is not separable from the operative parts, but not including motor cars not used for traction .. .. . | Free |
| Machinery (and component parts thereof), meaning machines or sets of machines to be worked by electric, steam, water, fire, or other power, or which before being brought into use require to be fixed with reference to other moving parts, and which are intended for :  |      |
| (a) The preparing, ginning, pressing, spinning, weaving, sewing, knitting, bleaching, and dyeing of cotton, jute, hemp, silk, wool, or other fibres, and any other process intervening between the raw material and the finished product as packed ready for the market .. .. .  | Free |
| (b) The smelting and milling of iron and other metallic ores, and the manufacture of iron, steel, and other metals .. .. .   | Free |
| (c) The manufacture of leather, sugar, indigo, silk, paper, soap, gas, oil, flour, cordage, rope, and twine .. .. .  | Free |
| (d) The milling of rice .. .. .  | Free |
| (e) The preparation, manufacture, and packing of tea, coffee, raw rubber, and cacao .. .. .  | Free |

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| (f) Printing presses .. .. .  | Free |
| (g) Foundries and workshops of iron and other metals .. .. .  | Free |
| (h) Railway workshop .. .. .  | Free |
| (i) The refining of petroleum and the manufacture of vegetable oils ..  | Free |
| (j) The crushing of bones and manufacture of bricks .. .. .   | Free |
| (k) The manufacture of lac .. .. .  | Free |
| (l) Potteries and brick and tile works .. .. .  | Free |
| (m) Sawmills and wood-working .. .. .   | Free |
| (n) Mining, navigation, agriculture, and pumping .. .. .  | Free |
| (o) Electric traction and electric light .. .. .  | Free |
| (p) The manufacture of ice and for refrigerating and cold storage purposes .. .. .  | Free |
| (q) Shoot-runners used for shooting down bags of tea by gravitation ..  | Free |
| (r) Steam launches and motor boats used in conveyance of goods and passengers or towage of lighters .. .. .   | Free |
| (s) Machinery specially adapted for the curing of plumbago .. .. .  | Free |
| (t) Electric motors .. .. .   | Free |
| (u) Stills used for the preparation of camphor .. .. .  | Free |
| (v) Desiccators used for desiccating coconuts .. .. .   | Free |
| (w) The purposes of any other manufacture or industry which the Governor in Executive Council may from time to time specify ..  | Free |
| Provided that the term does not include tools and implements to be worked by manual or animal labour, and provided also that only such articles shall be admitted as component parts of machinery as are indispensable for the working of the machinery and are, owing to their shape or to other special quality, not adapted for any other purpose. |      |
| <i>Note.</i> —Machinery and component parts thereof made of substances other than metal are included in this entry.   |      |
| Manures of all sorts, and ingredients imported solely for the manufacture of manures and certified as such by the importer .. .. .  | Free |
| Manuscripts .. .. .   | Free |
| Memorial tablets of whatever material .. .. .   | Free |
| Motor trailers .. .. .  | Free |
| All unwrought metals, including any unwrought alloy or amalgam .. ..  | Free |
| T and channel bars, angles, plates, sheets, and rolled joists, iron or steel, but not galvanized iron .. .. .   | Free |
| Brass, copper, and yellow metal sheets and ingots .. .. .   | Free |
| Iron or steel, not galvanized: sheets, plates, joists, girders, bars, angles, tees, channels, hoops, bulbs, and pigs .. .. .  | Free |
| Lead, sheet, pipe, and pig, and lead wire .. .. .   | Free |
| Tin and zinc, in cake or slab .. .. .   | Free |
| Steel, blister .. .. .  | Free |
| Steel, cast .. .. .   | Free |
| Tin plates .. .. .  | Free |
| Nets, fishermen's .. .. .   | Free |
| Oil, the produce of creatures living in the sea .. .. .   | Free |
| Olas .. .. .  | Free |
| Orchilla weed .. .. .   | Free |
| Palmyra fibre .. .. .   | Free |
| Paper for writing, printing, or accounting purposes, headed or plain, ruled and unruled, and envelopes .. .. .  | Free |
| All exercise books and manuscript note-books used for educational purposes ..   | Free |
| Paper for lining tea boxes .. .. .  | Free |
| Passenger's baggage accompanying the passenger, viz., wearing apparel; used bicycles, used motor bicycles, photographic cameras, and sewing machines; and instruments intended for the professional use of passengers ..  | Free |
| Plants, trees, and seeds intended for agricultural and horticultural purposes ..  | Free |
| Plumbago .. .. .  | Free |
| Printing materials .. .. .  | Free |
| Printed labels .. .. .  | Free |
| Prints and pictures, printed almanacs and show cards, and plates, and picture frames and beading used for picture frames .. .. .  | Free |
| Pumps of the type known as "Noria" .. .. .  | Free |
| Rails, rail fastenings, tie-rods, fish plates, and turntables .. .. .   | Free |
| Rattan .. .. .  | Free |
| Resin .. .. .   | Free |
| Regimental clothing, necessaries, accoutrements, and band instruments imported for the use of His Majesty's land and sea forces, including Volunteers .. .. .   | Free |
| Rifles for Volunteers .. .. .   | Free |
| Saltpetre, refuse of, for purposes of manure only, as certified by the importer .. .. .   | Free |
| Screws and nails for tea boxes .. .. .  | Free |
| Seeds: cotton, castor, rape, poppy, niger, mustard, and bird .. .. .  | Free |
| Senna leaves .. .. .  | Free |
| Slates, roofing .. .. .   | Free |
| Sheets, iron, tea boxes (imported in shooks) .. .. .  | Free |
| Solder .. .. .  | Free |

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|--|----|----|----|------|
| Soldering fluid  | .. | .. | .. | Free |
| Specimens and objects illustrative of natural history  | .. | .. | .. | Free |
| Stones, ballast  | .. | .. | .. | Free |
| Stones, coral  | .. | .. | .. | Free |
| Stones, grinding and sharpening  | .. | .. | .. | Free |
| Stones, tomb, and tablets  | .. | .. | .. | Free |
| Stones, unworked   | .. | .. | .. | Free |
| Tallow and grease  | .. | .. | .. | Free |
| Tanks, iron  | .. | .. | .. | Free |
| Tea lead   | .. | .. | .. | Free |
| Tea lead foil  | .. | .. | .. | Free |
| Timber (not prepared)  | .. | .. | .. | Free |
| Uniforms, civil, naval, or military  | .. | .. | .. | Free |
| Woods, dye, sandal, and of sorts   | .. | .. | .. | Free |
| Wood, metal, paper, or other material, or any combination of wood or metal, or any other material imported in shooks or in rolls, or in any form in which they may be used in making tea boxes or boxes used for the despatch of samples of tea or other Ceylon products | .. | .. | .. | Free |

The Collector may register articles exported from the Island, such as watches and guns, which in his judgment are capable of identification, and articles so registered shall be admitted duty free upon re-impotation into the Island.

SCHEDULE C.

TABLE OF PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS INWARDS.

Ammunition, arms, gunpowder, and utensils of war by way of merchandise, except by license from His Majesty, for furnishing His Majesty's public stores only, or under the directions of the Collector by the authority of the Governor.

Books wherein the copyright shall be first subsisting, first composed, or written or printed in the United Kingdom, and printed or reprinted in any other country, and of which notice that copyright subsists shall have been given by the proprietor to the Commissioners of Customs, London.

Coin, viz., false money or counterfeit sterling coin of the realm, or any money purporting to be such, not being of the established standard in weight or fineness.

Dangerous substances, viz., earth oil or mineral naphthas, fulminating powder, gun-cotton, nitro-glycerine, except by license of the Governor, and under regulations to be made by the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, from time to time, for the safe landing and deposit thereof.

Indecent or obscene prints, paintings, books, cards, lithographs, photographs, engravings, or any other indecent or obscene articles.

Infected cattle, sheep, or other animals; also hides, skins, horns, hoofs, or any part of cattle or other animals which the Governor may by Proclamation prohibit, in order to prevent contagious distemper.

Fish, grain, and other articles in a damaged, stinking, offensive condition, unfit for food and legitimate use, and likely to breed sickness or any contagious disorders.

Ganja and bhang, or any substance containing ganja or bhang.

Parts of articles, viz., any distinct or separate part of any article not accompanied by the other part, or all the other parts of such articles, so as to be complete or perfect, if such articles be subject to duty according to the value thereof.

SCHEDULE D.

HARBOUR DUES.

I.—DUES LEVIABLE AT THE PORT OF COLOMBO.

*Dues payable by Ships entering the Port.*

|       |              |          | Rs. | c. |                                 |         | Rs. | c. |
|-------|--------------|----------|-----|----|---------------------------------|---------|-----|----|
| Up to | 50 tons      | ..       | 3   | 0  | Over 2,000 and up to 2,250 tons | 160     | 0   |    |
| Over  | 50 and up to | 100 tons | 6   | 0  | 2,250                           | 2,500   | 175 | 0  |
| "     | 100          | " 150    | 9   | 0  | " 2,500                         | " 3,000 | 190 | 0  |
| "     | 150          | " 200    | 12  | 0  | " 3,000                         | " 3,500 | 215 | 0  |
| "     | 200          | " 300    | 24  | 0  | " 3,500                         | " 4,000 | 230 | 0  |
| "     | 300          | " 400    | 32  | 0  | " 4,000                         | " 4,500 | 255 | 0  |
| "     | 400          | " 500    | 40  | 0  | " 4,500                         | " 5,000 | 280 | 0  |
| "     | 500          | " 700    | 55  | 0  | " 5,000                         | " 5,500 | 310 | 0  |
| "     | 700          | " 900    | 70  | 0  | " 5,500                         | " 6,000 | 350 | 0  |
| "     | 900          | " 1,100  | 85  | 0  | " 6,000                         | " 6,500 | 400 | 0  |
| "     | 1,100        | " 1,300  | 100 | 0  | " 6,500                         | " 7,000 | 450 | 0  |
| "     | 1,300        | " 1,500  | 115 | 0  | " 7,000                         | " 7,500 | 500 | 0  |
| "     | 1,500        | " 1,750  | 130 | 0  | " 7,500                         | " 8,000 | 550 | 0  |
| "     | 1,750        | " 2,000  | 145 | 0  | " 8,000                         | " 8,500 | 600 | 0  |

And for every additional 500 tons or fraction of 500 tons an additional Rs. 50 to be charged.

Provided that a consolidated special rate of Rs. 150 only shall be chargeable to vessels calling for coal and water only, to cover pilotage, entering dues, use of tugs, and bill of health granted by day.

These dues to clear a vessel inwards and outwards, providing her stay in the port does not exceed 96 hours. If exceeding 96 hours and not exceeding 288 hours, one-half of the scale to be added. If exceeding 288 hours, to pay the same rate outwards as paid inwards, and in addition a buoy rent payable on clearance outwards of Rs. 15 for every day or part of a day of her stay in port after the expiration of such 288 hours.

Provided that buoy rent shall not be payable—

- (a) In respect of any time beyond the said period during which a vessel has stayed in port for repairs, or because she was unable to put to sea without risk, if the Master Attendant is satisfied that such stay was necessary and was not unduly prolonged; or
- (b) In respect of any time during which a vessel is on the slips or in dry dock; or
- (c) In respect of any time during which any vessel is kept in port as a reserve vessel to maintain the regularity of the mail service or for other important public service.

The Governor shall from time to time, by notification in the *Government Gazette*, declare the vessels which are entitled under sub-section (c) of this section to be exempted as reserve vessels from buoy rent.

The above rates to be applicable to all vessels, whether steamers, sailing vessels, or native craft.

*Dues payable by Ships discharging or loading Cargo.*

12½c. per ton upon all cargo discharged or loaded by vessels up to 200 tons register.

25c. per ton upon all cargo discharged or loaded by vessels above 200 tons register.

Cargo brought to the port for transshipment to be free of dues under this heading, if not landed, or if landed and not entered for duty.

Live stock: cattle, Re. 1 per head; horses, Rs. 5 per head; sheep and goats, 20c. per head.

Vessels of 300 tons and under to be allowed to land or ship 5 tons of cargo free.

Vessels over 300 tons to be allowed to land or ship 10 tons free.

Petroleum liquid fuel and coal to pay 25c. a ton inwards only.

*Dues payable on Imports.*

|  |    | For Five Days. |    | Cents. |    |
|--|----|----------------|----|--------|----|
| For each butt, pipe, or puncheon   | .. | ..             | .. | ..     | 50 |
| Half-pipe or hogshead  | .. | ..             | .. | ..     | 25 |
| Barrel or quarter cask   | .. | ..             | .. | ..     | 15 |
| Cask or keg of smaller size, and empty cask                                    | .. | ..             | .. | ..     | 10 |
| Crate, cask, or case of hardware, earthenware, or ironmongery                  | .. | ..             | .. | ..     | 25 |
| Bale, case, or box measuring 60 cubic feet and upwards                         | .. | ..             | .. | ..     | 25 |
| Do. do. 40 cubic feet and under 60 cubic feet                                  | .. | ..             | .. | ..     | 20 |
| Do. do. 25 do. 40 do.  | .. | ..             | .. | ..     | 15 |
| Do. do. 15 do. 25 do.  | .. | ..             | .. | ..     | 12 |
| Do. do. 10 do. 15 do.  | .. | ..             | .. | ..     | 8  |
| Do. do. 5 do. 10 do.   | .. | ..             | .. | ..     | 6  |
| Each small box or package  | .. | ..             | .. | ..     | 4  |
| Empty drums  | .. | ..             | .. | ..     | 2  |
| Bag of rice or sugar   | .. | ..             | .. | ..     | 4  |
| Beer, wine, or spirits in bottle, per dozen quarts                             | .. | ..             | .. | ..     | 4  |
| Coir yarn or rope, in ballots or bundles, per cwt.                             | .. | ..             | .. | ..     | 5  |
| Manure, in bags or casks, per ton  | .. | ..             | .. | ..     | 25 |
| Heavy goods, such as metal or timber, per ton                                  | .. | ..             | .. | ..     | 25 |
| Other goods of like size or weight to be charged in proportion to these rates. | .. | ..             | .. | ..     |    |
| Kerosine oil in bulk, Rs. 2.50 per 1,000 gallons.                              | .. | ..             | .. | ..     |    |
| All other goods not enumerated in the Tariff, per ton..                        | .. | ..             | .. | ..     | 25 |

(a) These rates to admit of goods remaining at the wharf for a term not exceeding five days, exclusive of Sundays and holidays, of which the day of receipt and the day of removal shall each count as one day. Thereafter an additional similar rate to be charged for each succeeding five days or part thereof.

(b) All goods brought from abroad to be re-shipped to a British or foreign port, or to be re-shipped coastwise, shall be considered as landed for transshipment or re-shipment, provided they are on landing deposited in, or within five days after landing removed to, a re-shipment warehouse.

(c) Such goods, if re-shipped within five days after landing, to be free of harbour dues.

(d) If not re-shipped within five days, but deposited in a re-shipment warehouse, to be liable only to a single rate of harbour dues.

(e) If not removed from a usual landing warehouse till after five days from the date of landing, they shall pay the cumulative rate from the date of landing till such removal.

Coastwise goods brought for transshipment or re-shipment, not being through cargo, shall, if landed, pay both import and export dues; if transhipped without being landed, they shall only be liable to export dues.

*Exemptions.*

Coal and liquid fuel.

*Dues payable on Exports.*

| For Five Days.   |         | Cents. |
|--|---------|--------|
| For each leaguer, pipe, or cask of like size   | .. .. . | 25     |
| Hogshead or cask of like size  | .. .. . | 12     |
| Cask or barrel of coffee not weighing more than 3 cwt. gross                                 | .. .. . | 6      |
| Cask weighing more than 3 cwt. and less than 7 cwt.  | .. .. . | 8      |
| Cask weighing more than 7 cwt.   | .. .. . | 12     |
| Empty cask, each   | .. .. . | 10     |
| Barrel of plumbago, barrel of same size containing other articles, and empty plumbago barrel | .. .. . | 7      |
| Bale, case, or package measuring 60 cubic feet and upwards                                   | .. .. . | 25     |
| Do. do. 40 cubic feet and under 60 cubic feet  | .. .. . | 20     |
| Do. do. 25 do. 40 do.  | .. .. . | 15     |
| Do. do. 15 do. 25 do.  | .. .. . | 12     |
| Do. do. 10 do. 15 do.  | .. .. . | 8      |
| Do. do. 5 do. 10 do.   | .. .. . | 6      |
| Smaller box or package   | .. .. . | 2      |
| Bag of coffee  | .. .. . | 4      |
| Bag of cinnamon weighing not more than 100 lb., or bale under 5 cubic ft.                    | .. .. . | 2      |
| Other goods of like size or weight to be charged in proportion to these rates.               |         |        |
| Coir goods in ballots or bundles, per cwt.   | .. .. . | 4      |
| Coconuts, in bags or loose, per 100  | .. .. . | 4      |
| Metal and timber exported from Colombo, per ton  | .. .. . | 12     |
| For each box or chest of tea, on nett weight as marked on each package:—                     |         |        |
| For 50 lb.   | .. .. . | 3      |
| From 50 lb. to 100 lb.   | .. .. . | 6      |
| For every additional 20 lb. or fraction thereof  | .. .. . | 1      |
| All other articles not enumerated in the Tariff, per ton                                     | .. .. . | 25     |

These rates to admit of goods remaining at the wharf for a term not exceeding five days, exclusive of Sundays and holidays (unless the vessel taking the cargo worked on such Sundays and holidays on special application), the day of receipt and the day of removal each counting as one day. After the expiry of the said term, an additional similar rate to be charged for each succeeding five days or part thereof.

*Exemptions.*

Military baggage, both inwards and outwards; passengers' baggage outwards and inwards when no declaration is made or entry passed; dhobies' bundles and dubashes' supplies; exports shut out and re-landed; coal and liquid fuel.

II.—DUES LEVIABLE AT ALL PORTS EXCEPT COLOMBO.

Port dues shall be leviable and payable for entry inwards, and for clearance outwards, on all ships arriving at or departing from any port of this Island (except Colombo) according to the following table. Provided always that when a vessel has paid port dues inwards or outwards, she shall not be liable for additional port dues for goods carried coastwise during the same voyage:—

*Port Dues leviable at per Ton Burthen.*

|  |         |           |
|--|---------|-----------|
| On entry inwards with cargo or with passengers exceeding one person for every two tons                   | .. .. . | } 8 cents |
| On clearance outwards with cargo or with passengers exceeding one person for every two tons of burthen   | .. .. . |           |
| In the case of mail steamers, of whatever tonnage, the dues either inwards or outwards are not to exceed | .. .. . |           |

*Composition for Port Dues.*

Vessels conveying goods between one port and another within the Island are allowed to compound for port dues for twelve months, per ton .. .. . 50 cents

*Exemptions.*

|  |         |      |
|--|---------|------|
| On entry inwards in ballast or with cargo reported for exportation, and the vessel leaves the port without breaking bulk or landing passengers exceeding one person for every two tons | .. .. . | Free |
| On clearance in ballast or with the original cargo, if the vessel leaves the port without shipping goods or passengers exceeding one person for every two tons of burthen              | .. .. . | Free |
| Ships of 250 tons and upwards, not being mail steamers, landing cargo not exceeding 10 tons and shipping cargo not exceeding 10 tons   | .. .. . | Free |

By His Excellency's command,

HUGH CLIFFORD,  
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Colombo, November 12, 1908.



*Statement of Objects and Reasons.*

ORDINANCE No. 2 of 1903, amending section 11 of Ordinance No. 17 of 1869 (General Regulation of Customs), empowered the Governor in Executive Council to exempt any goods from the whole or any part of the Customs duty leviable on imports or exports. It was subsequently provided by Ordinance No. 9 of 1904 that the exercise of this power should be subject to the sanction of the Secretary of State.

2. One of the objects of the Draft Ordinance is to abolish altogether the power of the Governor in Council to exempt goods from duty, the power being one which it is considered, on constitutional grounds, should properly be exercised by the Legislature. With this object section 11 of Ordinance No. 17 of 1869 (as amended by the Ordinances of 1903 and 1904) is re-enacted, omitting the clause conferring the special power of exemption on the Governor.

The Draft Ordinance, it should be noticed, does not interfere with the power of the Legislative Council to increase, reduce, or abolish Customs duty by means of resolution, subject to the approval of the Secretary of State.

3. The Draft Ordinance also introduces a revised scale of entering dues leviable at the port of Colombo. The dues leviable under the new scale are generally higher, but ships calling for coal and water only are charged a consolidated special rate of Rs. 150 only, which covers pilotage, entry dues, use of tugs, and bill of health granted by day.

For this purpose and for the purpose of making a slight amendment in the scale of harbour dues payable on exports, a new schedule has been substituted as schedule D of the Customs Ordinance, 1869.

4. This opportunity has been taken to incorporate in the Customs Ordinance, 1869, the alterations which the Legislative Council has from time to time made, by means of resolutions, in the scale of Customs duties. This has been effected by substituting new schedules for schedules B and C of the Customs Ordinance, 1869.

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Colombo, November 12, 1908.

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