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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From S. HARVEY JAMES, Esq., Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Legislative Department, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, 10th July 1886, No. 1284.

I am directed to forward herewith forty copies of the papers noted on the margin, and to request that His Excellency the Governor in Council will favor the Government of India in this department with an expression of his opinion on the provisions of the Bill, and with the opinions of such selected officers and other persons as His Excellency in Council may think fit to consult on the subject.

2. I am at the same time to invite attention to the note imported into the schedule from Act XII of 1875 regarding the levy of port dues at each of the pairs of ports, Cocanada and Coringa, Negapatam and Nagore, and Calicut and Beypore, and to inquire whether it should not be amplified with respect to the time within which a vessel having paid dues at one port is free on entering the other.

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ORDER—dated 28th July 1886, No. 415, Marine.

Copies of the Bill and Statement of Objects and Reasons received with the foregoing letter will be forwarded to the Advocate-General, the Port Officer, Madras, the Madras Chamber of Commerce, and the Trades Association, with the request that they will favor the Government with their opinions on the provisions of the Bill.

2. The Bill and Statement will be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* in English and the several vernaculars.

(True Extract.)

E. F. WEBSTER,
Chief Secretary.

To the Government Solicitor,
" Port Officer, Madras,
" Chairman, Chamber of Commerce,
" Madras Trades Association,
" Several Translators to Government,
" Superintendent, Government Press, } with Bill, &c.

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Bills—Legislative.

Forwarding to the Advocate-General, the Port Officer, and other authorities copies of the Bill to amend the Indian Ports Act, 1875, with Statement of Objects and Reasons, for favor of their opinions on the provisions of the Bill.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS.

THE case which gives rise to this Bill is as follows. Certain steamers are engaged in the coasting trade of the Madras Presidency, but are not "coasting steamers" within the meaning of the expression as defined in Part III of the Schedule to the Indian Ports Act, 1875. Therefore they have to pay port-dues at every port they call at in a group instead of only paying them (at a rate which may be half as much again as an ordinary single rate) at the first port they call at and being free at every other port in the group for a period of thirty days. The owners of these steamers have represented to the Government that the levy of these full port-rates at every port the steamers call at is a considerable hardship and is detrimental to the trade which their steamers are fostering, and they have asked that their steamers may be treated as coasting steamers. The Government of India is of opinion that the law, as it stands at present, bears hardly not only on these steamers engaged in the coasting trade, but also on other steamers and sailing vessels, and that the law should be amended generally for all vessels calling at ports in the Madras Presidency. The present Bill has, therefore, been prepared in consultation with the local authorities and Chamber of Commerce. With the object of settling the port-dues on as fair and liberal a basis as is consistent with obtaining a sufficient income, the Bill recasts Part III of the First Schedule to the Indian Ports Act on the following lines:—

- (1) It declares that the following rates of duty shall be paid in the case of vessels calling at one port only, namely:—
- (a) in the case of foreign ships or steamers calling at Madras or at any port in the Eastern or Western group—a rate not exceeding three annas a ton;
 - (b) in the case of coasting ships calling at any port—a rate not exceeding one and a half annas a ton;
 - (c) in the case of coasting steamers calling at Madras (except within thirty days after visiting another port in either group, when the due is not to exceed one and a half annas a ton)—a due not exceeding four and a half annas a ton.
- (2) It exempts, on payment of the above dues, foreign ships or steamers engaged in trade with the Straits Settlements and coasting ships from liability to pay dues again at the same port for a period of sixty days.
- (3) It exempts the following vessels on payment of the dues specified from payment of any further due at the same or certain other ports for a fixed period:—
- (a) foreign ships or steamers engaged in trade with the Straits Settlements, on payment of a due not exceeding four and a half annas a ton at the first port in the Eastern group or in the Western group called at by the ship or steamer, from liability to pay the due again at that or any other port in the group for a period of sixty days;
 - (b) coasting steamers, on payment of a due not exceeding three annas a ton at the first port in the Eastern group or in the Western group called at by the steamer, from liability to pay the due again at that or any other port in the group for a period of thirty days;
 - (c) coasting steamers, on payment of a due not exceeding four and a half annas a ton at Madras, from liability to pay the due again at Madras or at any port in the Eastern group for a period of thirty days.

A. COLVIN.

The 29th June, 1886.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

ANNEXURE
TO
Bill to amend the Indian Ports Act, 1875.

(Statement of Objects and Reasons.)

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TO

Amend the Indian Ports Act, 1875.

WHEREAS it is expedient to substitute a new Part for Part III of the First Schedule to the Indian Ports Act, 1875, of the nature hereinafter XII of 1875. appearing; It is hereby enacted as follows :—

- Substitution of a new Part for Part III of the First Schedule to the Indian Ports Act, 1875.
1. For Part III of the First Schedule to the said Act the Part in the Schedule to this Act shall be substituted.
2. Any document referring to Part III of the First Schedule to the Indian Ports Act, 1875, shall, so far as the document is consistent with the Part in the Schedule to this Act, be construed to refer thereto.
3. The Madras Port-dues Act, 1881, is hereby repealed.
- Repeal of Act IV of 1881.

PART III.—THE MADRAS PRESIDENCY.

Name of port.	Vessels chargeable.	Rate of port-dues.	Due how often chargeable in respect of same vessel.
Madras	Sea-going vessels of fifteen tons and upwards.	<i>Foreign Vessels.</i>	
<i>Eastern Group.</i>		(a) In the case of a foreign ship or steamer, engaged in trade with the Straits Settlements, calling at Madras, or at any one port in the Eastern group, or at any one port in the Western group, not exceeding three annas a ton.	The payment of the due at the port will exempt the ship or steamer for a period of sixty days from liability to pay the due again at that port.
1. Ganjam	Ditto	(b) In the case of any other foreign ship or steamer calling at Madras, or at any one port in the Eastern group, or at any one port in the Western group, not exceeding three annas a ton.	The due is payable on each entry into the port.
2. Gopālpur	Ditto	(c) In the case of a foreign ship or steamer, engaged in trade with the Straits Settlements, calling at more than one port in the Eastern group, or at more than one port in the Western group, not exceeding four and a half annas a ton.	The payment of the due at the first port called at in the group will exempt the ship or steamer for a period of sixty days from liability to pay the due again at that or any other port in the group.
3. Calingapatam	Ditto	(d) In the case of any other foreign ship or steamer calling at more than one port in the Eastern group, or at more than one port in the Western group, not exceeding four and a half annas a ton.	The due is payable once for the voyage.
4. Bimlipatam	Ditto		
5. Vizagapatam	Ditto		
6. Cocanada	Ditto		
7. Coringa	Ditto		
8. Masulipatam	Ditto		
9. Cuddalore	Ditto		
10. Porto Novo	Ditto		
11. Tranquebar	Ditto		
12. Negapatam	Ditto		
13. Nagore	Ditto		
14. Pámban	Ditto		
15. Tuticorin	Ditto		
16. Sonapore	Ditto		
17. Báruva	Ditto		
18. Púndi	Ditto		
19. Bapanapadu	Ditto		
20. Conada	Ditto		
21. Pudimadaka	Ditto		
22. Pentakota	Ditto		
23. Uppada	Ditto		
24. Bendamanlanka	Ditto		
25. Narsápur	Ditto		
26. Perupalem	Ditto		
27. Penumudi	Ditto		
28. Moratota	Ditto		
29. Nagayalanka	Ditto		
30. Kottapalem	Ditto		
31. Gangadipalem	Ditto		
32. Nizampatam	Ditto		
33. Ipurupálem	Ditto		
34. Badduranipalem	Ditto		
35. Motupalli	Ditto		
36. Kanuparti	Ditto		
37. Kottapatam	Ditto		
38. Itamukkala	Ditto		
39. Pákala	Ditto		
40. Ramayapatam	Ditto		
41. Connayapalem	Ditto		
42. Tummalapenta	Ditto		
43. Juvaladinne	Ditto		
44. Iskapalle	Ditto		
45. Ponnappudi	Ditto		
46. Mypand	Ditto		
47. Kistnapatam	Ditto		
48. Pamanji	Ditto		
49. Tupili	Ditto		
50. Dugarápatnam	Ditto		
51. Púdi	Ditto		
52. Pulicat	Ditto		
53. Ennore	Ditto		
54. Covelong	Ditto		
55. Merkanam	Ditto		
56. Thirumalavasel	Ditto		
57. Kodimpalliem	Ditto		
58. Velangani	Ditto		
59. Thoppuforai	Ditto		
60. Point Calimere	Ditto		
61. Muttupettai	Ditto		
62. Adirámpatnam	Ditto		

PART III.—THE MADRAS PRESIDENCY—contd.

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<i>Eastern group—contd.</i>		<i>Foreign Vessels.</i>	
63. Ammapatam	Sea-going vessels of fifteen tons and upwards.	(a) In the case of a foreign ship or steamer, engaged in trade with the Straits Settlements, calling at Madras, or at any one port in the Eastern group, or at any one port in the Western group, not exceeding three annas a ton.	The payment of the due at the port will exempt the ship or steamer for a period of sixty days from liability to pay the due again at that port.
64. Kristnájipatam	Ditto	(b) In the case of any other foreign ship or steamer calling at Madras, or at any one port in the Eastern group, or at any one port in the Western group, not exceeding three annas a ton.	The due is payable on each entry into the port.
65. Kattunavadi	Ditto	(c) In the case of a foreign ship or steamer, engaged in trade with the Straits Settlements, calling at more than one port in the Eastern group, or at more than one port in the Western group, not exceeding four and a half annas a ton.	The payment of the due at the first port called at in the group will exempt the ship or steamer for a period of sixty days from liability to pay the due again at that or any other port in the group.
66. Kottaiapatam	Ditto	(d) In the case of any other foreign ship or steamer calling at more than one port in the Eastern group, or at more than one port in the Western group, not exceeding four and a half annas a ton.	The due is payable once for the voyage.
67. Gopalapatam	Ditto		
68. Sundrapandiapatam	Ditto		
69. Pasipatam	Ditto		
70. Damodarapatam	Ditto		
71. Tondi	Ditto		
72. Nambidalai	Ditto		
73. Pudupatam	Ditto		
74. Carungudu	Ditto		
75. Tirupalakudi	Ditto		
76. Devipatam	Ditto		
77. Mudiapatam	Ditto		
78. Attangarai	Ditto		
79. Pillaimadam	Ditto		
80. Emanagudu	Ditto		
81. Rámesvaram	Ditto		
82. Mandapam	Ditto		
83. Vedalai	Ditto		
84. Marakayapatam	Ditto		
85. Muttupettai	Ditto		
86. Kilakarai	Ditto		
87. Eruvadi	Ditto		
88. Valinokam	Ditto		
89. Vaippár	Ditto		
90. Koilpatam	Ditto		
91. Kulasekharapatnam	Ditto		
<i>Western Group.</i>		<i>Coasting Vessels.</i>	
1. Mangalore	Ditto	(e) In the case of a coasting ship calling at any port, not exceeding one and a half annas a ton.	The payment of the due at the port will exempt the ship for a period of sixty days from liability to pay the due again at that port.
2. Cannanore	Ditto	(f) In the case of a coasting steamer—	
3. Tellicherry	Ditto	(1) calling at one or more ports in the Eastern group (save as provided by sub-clause (3) of this clause), or at one or more ports in the Western group, not exceeding three annas a ton;	The payment of the due at the first port called at in the group will exempt the steamer for a period of thirty days from liability to pay the due again at that or any other port in the group.
4. Calicut	Ditto	(2) calling at Madras within thirty days after payment of a due in either group, not exceeding one and a half annas a ton;	The due is payable on each entry into the port.
5. Beypore	Ditto	(3) calling at Madras otherwise than as provided in sub-clause (2) of this clause, not exceeding four and a half annas a ton.	The payment of the due will exempt the steamer for a period of thirty days from liability to pay the due again at Madras or at any port in the Eastern group.
6. Cochin	Ditto		
7. Badagara	Ditto		
8. Quilandi	Ditto		
9. Ponáni	Ditto		
10. Attaprom	Ditto		
11. Kurkuye	Ditto		
12. Madayi	Ditto		
13. Attukuye	Ditto		
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(Sir A. Colvin.)

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S. Harvey-James, Esquire,
Off. Secretary to the Government of India,
LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT,

TO

*The Chief Secretary to Government of
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Dated Simla, the 10th July, 1886.

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Recd 19 July

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Sir,

Your obedient servant,

S. Harrison James

Offg Secretary to the Govt of India.

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Marine Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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