ACT No. VIII of 1861.

PASSED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF INDIA.

(Received the assent of the Governor General on the 24th April 1861.)

An Act for the levy of Port-dues in the Port of Amherst.

Whereas it is necessary to fix the amount of the Port-dues to be hereafter levied and taken in the Port of Amherst in accordance with the provisions of Act XXII of 1855 (relating to Ports and Port-dues); It is enacted as follows:—

Port-due chargeable on sea-going vessels of ten tons and upwards entering the Port.

I. A Port-due at a rate not exceeding the rate of two annas per every ton of burden, shall be chargeable in respect of every sea-going vessel of the burden of ten tons and upwards which shall enter the said Port.

- Rate of Port-due on vessels compelled by stress of weather to enter Port.

 When any vessel enters the said Port, being driven in by stress of weather, or in consequence of having sustained any damage, or for any other reason, but does not discharge or take in any cargo or passenger therein (with the exception of such unshipment and reshipment as may be necessary for the purpose of repair), the Port-due chargeable in respect of such vessel shall be at a rate equal to one half the rate chargeable in respect of other vessels.
- III. Provided that, when any vessel having left the said Port is compelled to re-enter it by stress of weather or in consequence of having sustained any damage, no Port-due shall be chargeable in respect of such vessel.

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No vessel to pay the Port-due oftener than once in sixty days.

IV. No vessel shall be required to pay the Portdue chargeable under this Act oftener than once in sixty days.

V. This Act shall commence and have effect from and after the 1st day

Commencement of Act.

Of July 1861: and the local Government shall on or before that date, pursuant to Section XLII of the said Act XXII of 1855, declare, by notification to be published in the Calcutta Gazette, the rates at which Port-dues shall be levied in the said Port, subject to the provisions of and within the limits prescribed by this Act; and from and after the said date no Port-due shall be levied at the said Port except under the authority of the said Act XXII of 1855 and of this Act.

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

VI. This Act shall be read with and taken as a part of the said Act XXII of 1855.