



SUPPLEMENT
TO THE
BOMBAY GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT, BOMBAY.

The following Bill, which it is intended to introduce into the Council of the Governor of Bombay for the purpose of making Laws and Regulations, is, together with a Statement of Objects and Reasons accompanying it, published for general information:—

A Bill to amend Act XV. of 1858 for the levy of Port-dues in the Port of Aden.

Whereas the proceeds of the Port dues levied in the Port of Aden have been found insufficient to defray the ordinary expenses of the harbour, and it is expedient that the said dues be increased, it is enacted as follows:—

I. Section I. of Act XV. of 1858, of the Legislative Council of India is repealed from and after the 30th day of June A.D. 1863, (the day before that mentioned in the next Section).

II. From and after the 1st day of July 1863, it shall be lawful to charge and levy in respect of every sea-going vessel of the burden of ten tons and upwards which shall enter the Port of Aden, port-dues at such rate not exceeding two annas for every ton of burden, as the Governor in Council may order.

Act to be read as part of Act XV. of 1858.

III. Section II. of this Act shall be read and taken as a part of Act XV. of 1858.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS.

In order to defray the cost of the maintenance of the Harbour Establishments at Aden, and to provide funds for the proper management and regulation of that Port, the levy of a port-due at a rate of one anna on every ton of burden from vessels exceeding ten tons was authorised by Act XV. of 1858. This rate has, however, been found insufficient for the purposes for which it is collected, and the result is, that the fund is now burdened with a debt of upwards Rs. 21,000. During the last year the receipts amounted to Rs. 7,975-8-2, whereas the charges for maintenance of Establishments and necessary items of expenditure in connection with the Port, amounted (after every practicable reduction had been made by the Political Resident) to Rs. 14,591. It is therefore proposed by this Bill to double the existing rate of the dues so as to provide a sufficient income; that is to say, it is intended to raise the rate from one anna to two annas on every ton of burden, which rate is the same as that now levied at the Port of Bombay and is only half the rate levied at Calcutta, Kurrachee, and elsewhere.

This Bill need not be translated into any of the Vernacular languages.

(Signed) A. D. ROBERTSON.

By order of His Excellency the Governor in Council,

R. WEST,

Officiating Under-Secretary to Government.

Bombay, 10th February 1863.