

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

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I ASSENT,

[L.S.]

A. C. HOLLIS,
Governor.

29th March, 1934.

AN ORDINANCE relating to the imposition of certain lighthouse dues.

[On Proclamation.]

WHEREAS by section 670 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, it is provided that where any lighthouse, buoy or beacon has been erected or placed on or near the coasts of any British Possession by or with the consent of the legislature of that possession His Majesty may by Order in Council fix such dues (in the said Act referred to as colonial light dues) to be paid in respect of that lighthouse, buoy or beacon by the owner or master of every ship which passes the same and derives benefit therefrom as His Majesty may deem reasonable and may by like Order increase, diminish or repeal such dues, and those dues shall from time to time mentioned in the Order be leviable throughout His Majesty's dominions and further that colonial light dues shall not be levied in any British possession unless the legislature of that possession has by address to the Crown or by Act or Ordinance duly passed signified its opinion that the dues ought to be levied ;

And Whereas the lighthouses and buoy specified in the Schedule hereto have been erected or placed on or near the coasts of the Bahamas and the Leeward Islands by or with the consent of the legislatures of those Possessions ;

And Whereas His Majesty, in pursuance of the powers that behalf vested in Him by the said section and by an Order in Council of the 17th day of December, 1931, has been pleased to fix the dues to be paid in respect of the lighthouses and buoy specified in the first part of the said Schedule by the owner or master of every ship at one penny per ton of her register tonnage for every occasion after the first day of April, 1932, on which such ship passes and derives benefit from any of the said lighthouses or the said buoy ;

And Whereas His Majesty by the said Order in Council has further been pleased to fix the dues to be paid in respect of the lighthouse specified in the second part of the said Schedule by the owner or master of every ship at a half-penny per ton of her register tonnage for every occasion after the 1st day of April, 1932, on which such ship passes and derives benefit from the said lighthouse ;

And Whereas it is expedient to make provision for the collection of such dues ;

Be it enacted by the Governor of Trinidad and Tobago with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof as follows :—

Short title
and com-
mencement.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Bahamas and Leeward Islands Light Dues Ordinance, 1934, and shall come into operation on such day as may be fixed by the Governor by proclamation after being satisfied that the legislatures of Jamaica, Bahamas, Bermuda, the Windward Islands and the Leeward Islands have respectively passed an Ordinance to the like effect.

Interpreta-
tion.

2. In this Ordinance " Collector " means the Collector of Customs and Excise or such person as may be appointed by the Governor for the purposes of this Ordinance.

Imposition of
dues.

3. The opinion of the legislature is hereby signified that the dues so fixed by His Majesty by the said Order in Council in respect of the lighthouses and buoy in the Schedule hereto, or such other dues as may from time to

time be substituted therefor by His Majesty by Order in Council, ought to be levied in this Colony and such dues as aforesaid shall be levied and collected in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance except in respect of ships belonging to His Majesty.

4. The dues imposed by this Ordinance shall be levied by and be payable to the Collector and shall be paid by the owner or master of the ship forthwith on demand. The Collector shall pay to the Treasurer all sums received by him as dues under this Ordinance ; and such sums shall be remitted by the Treasurer to the Crown Agents for the Colonies for payment to the Board of Trade.

Collection and disposal of dues.

5. The dues imposed by this Ordinance shall not be levied if the master of the ship shall prove to the satisfaction of the Collector that such dues have been paid in the United Kingdom or in any other British Possession in respect of the occasion for which such dues are claimed.

Exemption when dues have been previously paid.

6. The Master of every ship arriving from parts beyond the seas shall to the best of his ability answer all such questions relating to the voyage as shall be put to him by the Collector and shall furnish evidence to the satisfaction of the Collector for the purpose of ascertaining whether light dues are or are not payable under this Ordinance ; and if the Master refuses to answer, or does not answer truly, or if he refuses to produce evidence which is within his power to produce, he shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction before a magistrate to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds.

Refusal by master to furnish information an offence.

7. No clearance for any ship liable to the payment of dues under this Ordinance and no permit for the shipping of cargo on board any such ship or for the discharging of cargo therefrom shall be granted unless and until the receipt for the dues payable under this Ordinance is produced to the Collector or unless the Collector is otherwise furnished with proof to his satisfaction of the payment of such dues.

Clearance of ship liable for payment of dues.

SCHEDULE.

PART I.

	Latitude.	Longitude.
Lighthouses :		
Gun Cay	25° 34' N.	79° 19' W.
Abaco	25° 51' N.	77° 11' W.
Cay Sal	23° 57' N.	80° 28' W.
Great Isaac	26° 02' N.	79° 06' W.
Cay Lobos	22° 23' N.	77° 36' W.
Elbow Cay	26° 32' N.	76° 57' W.
Great Stirrup Cay	25° 50' N.	77° 54' W.
Castle Island	22° 07' N.	74° 20' W.
Inagua	20° 56' N.	73° 40' W.
Bird Rock	22° 51' N.	74° 22' W.
Watling Island	24° 06' N.	74° 26' W.
Buoy :		
Matanilla Shoal	27° 23' N.	79° 06' W.

PART II.

	Latitude.	Longitude.
Lighthouse :		
Sombrero Island	18° 36' N.	63° 28' W.

Passed in Council this twenty-third day of March, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty-four.

J. O'CONNOR,
Clerk of the Council.