

CHAPTER 131.

FERRIES.

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS.

SECTION.

1. Short title.
2. Interpretation.
3. (1) Declaration of public ferries.
(2) Power of Governor in Council to establish new public ferries, etc.
4. Power of Governor in Council to impose tolls, etc.
5. Appointment of toll keepers.
6. (1) Table of tolls to be kept posted.
(2) Penalty.
7. (1) Extortion or misconduct by toll-keeper.
(2) Penalty.
8. Refusal to pay toll and other offences.
9. (1) Competition with a public ferry forbidden except in special cases.
(2) Limited competition may be allowed under licence.
10. Letting ferry tolls.
11. Extent of Government's liability.
12. Power of Governor in Council to make rules.

CHAPTER 131.

FERRIES.

27 of 1931.
15 of 1932.

An Ordinance to Regulate Existing Public Ferries in the Protectorate and to Provide for the Establishment of New Public Ferries Therein.

[24TH DECEMBER, 1931.]

Short title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Ferries Ordinance, and shall apply to the Protectorate.

Interpretation.

2. In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires—
“ motor vehicle ” means a vehicle propelled by mechanical power, but does not include a vehicle drawn by a motor-vehicle;

“ vehicle ” means and includes any motor-vehicle, bicycle, tricycle, rickshaw, wheel-chair or carry-chair, cart, truck, barrow, waggon, carriage (not being a perambulator), hammock, or other conveyance adapted for the carriage of goods or persons.

3. (1) The ferries mentioned and described in the schedule are hereby declared to be public ferries and vested in Her Majesty. Declaration of public ferries.
*

(2) The Governor may, by Order in Council, establish new public ferries, or change the course of any existing public ferry, or discontinue any public ferry. Power of Governor in Council to establish new public ferries, etc.

(3) Every such Order in Council shall operate by way of addition to, or alteration in, or omission from the schedule, and the schedule shall be amended accordingly.

4. Tolls according to such rates as may from time to time be fixed by Order in Council, which Order the Governor in Council is hereby empowered to make, shall be levied upon all passengers, vehicles, animals, goods, produce, and merchandise carried on any or every public ferry: Power of Governor in Council to impose tolls, etc.

Provided that such Order in Council may exempt any person or class of person, absolutely or conditionally, from the payment of any such tolls:

Provided also that the use of all public ferries shall be free of charge except in so far as any such Order in Council shall prescribe to the contrary.

5. (1) At every public ferry a toll keeper or toll keepers shall be appointed to collect the prescribed tolls, which shall be paid into the general revenue of Sierra Leone unless such tolls shall be let by contract under section 10. Appointment of toll-keepers.

(2) Such appointment shall be made by writing under the hand and official seal of the District Commissioner, and all toll keepers so appointed are hereby authorised to demand, receive and take the prescribed tolls.

6. (1) A clear and legible table of the prescribed tolls shall be kept posted in some conspicuous place at or near every public ferry, so as to be easily read by all literate persons crossing thereby. Table of tolls to be kept posted.

(2) Every toll-keeper or contractor for tolls who shall neglect to comply with the provisions of sub-section (1) shall be guilty of an offence and liable, on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding two pounds. Penalty.

7. Every toll-keeper or toll contractor who shall—

(i) knowingly demand or take any toll other than the prescribed toll; or Extortion or misconduct by toll-keeper.

* The schedule is printed in the volume containing the subsidiary legislation made under this Ordinance.