An Ordinance continuing in force the late duty laid upon Vessels, Flat-Boats, Barques, Rafts and Cajas, and also on Rum and Taffia imported; and establishing the mode of collecting.

Whereas the Vessels, Flat-boats, Rafts and Cajas which come to the Port of this City, and those that make some stay, occasion considerable detriment to the Levees; so that it is most equitable that they should contribute to the payment of the sum which is annually necessary to be laid out in repairing the same, the greater part of which expense has for so long a time past, been supported by the City treasury, by reason of the insufficient of the ancreage duty, and that on Rum and Taffia, which the Spanish government allowed to the City, to meet the expense.

And whereas, by the 6th Section of the Act of Incorporation, the Mayor and City Council are empowered to lay taxes as they shall deem expedient, for the keeping of the said Levees in due repair;

The City Council of New Orleans, ordains as follows:

Art. 4. The Levee duty established by the regulation of May 31st, 1826 in place of the ancreage duty, shall remain in full effect until the Spanish government in Louisiana shall continue in force as follows;

Art. 2. All decked vessels making sea voyages, shall within eight days from their arrival, pay the following sums respectively, to wit:
- Every such vessel of one hundred tons or under shall pay twelve dollars.
- Those from one to two hundred tons shall pay twenty dollars.
- Those above two hundred tons, forty dollars.

Every such vessel having been upwards of two months in Port, shall at her departure pay one third of the respective duty in addition thereto.

Art. 3. Every Flat-Boat shall pay on her arrival, and all the time she remains in harbor, the sum of Six dollars.

Plats having no loading whatever are exempted from payment; but any loading however insconsiderable, makes a flat liable to the duty aforesaid.

Art. 4. Every Kiel-Boat or large laden with goods or produce, coming to land at the Port of the City or Suburbs, shall on her arrival, pay three dollars for all time she remains in Port.

Art. 5. The like sum of three dollars shall be paid for every raft or caja laden with timber, on its arrival, for all time it remains in Port.
in harbour.

The timber bought by any caff, or cauex, must be landed at the place fixed by the 7th article of the Ordinance concerning the police of the levee, and no where else, under the penalty prescribed by said article.

Art. 6. The duty of two dollars on every pipe or hoghead of Rum or Taaffa imported, which after the deduction of ten per cent, allowed for leakage, is reduced to one dollar eighty cents per pipe, as it was laid by the Spanish government in favour of the City of New Orleans, shall continue to be levied on foreign Rum and Taaffa; and the Corporation henceforth exempts from the payment of this duty all Rum and Coffees made in the United States, and imported into this City.

Art. 7. There shall be appointed, by the Mayor, a special Levee Warden and Collector, to superintend the arrivals of vessels, flats, barges, boats, and rafts of timber, and to demand and receive, for the use of the City, the several sums hereinbefore stated; and every owner or consignee shall be responsible to the said collector for the payment to be made thereof to the said collector as aforesaid.

Art. 8. Previously to his entering into office, the said Levee Warden, with another solvent person, to be approved of by the Mayor, shall jointly and severally enter into a security bond for thirty thousand dollars, conditioned for the security, not only of the sums he shall have received, but also of such sums as he is empowered to receive, according to the tenor of this Ordinance; and in the event of the penalty’s becoming forfeited in whole or in part, it shall be sued for before any Judge of competent jurisdiction at the instance of the City Treasurer by order of the Mayor.

Art. 9. It shall be the duty of the Levee Warden on each day, to keep a regular account of the general transactions in the harbour; he shall, for that purpose, have two books well bound, countersigned by the Mayor at the first and last sheets thereof. The first book shall contain, in five different columns, an accurate list of all vessels taking in or unloading their cargoes, specifying, 1st, their names, 2d, the names of their masters, 3d, those of the consignees, 4th, the tonnage or burthen, and 5th, the amount of the duty to which every vessel may be subject according to the rates mentioned in article 2d. The second book shall contain a similar list of all flats, barges, flat-boats, and rafts arrived in Port, specifying the names of the proprietors, masters or consignees thereof, and the sums to be paid therefor.
respectively. The said book shall also contain a separate account of the duty received on Rums and Taffias.

Art. 10. The said Collector shall keep both books always posted up to the day and shall prior to the third day of each month lay the same before the Mayor upon rendering the accounts to him for the preceding month. And the Mayor shall examine and close the accounts of all the monies received during the month past and issue his warrants for the payment of the same into the City Treasury.

Art. 11. It shall be the duty of the City Treasurer, on the first day of each month to repair to the Custom House, and request from the Collector that an exact list may be delivered to him of the arrivals of the preceding month specifying the tonnage of each vessel, and also the slate boxes and keel-boats, and the number of fishes of Rum and Taffia inspected; and he shall immediately deposit the said list at the Mayor’s office, to be used as a Document.

Art. 12. The said Love-Warden shall have it in charge to procure to ships and vessels, the wood requisite to make bridges for their unloading. The City will supply the said vessels there with; and all Masters of such vessels are bound to return the said wood at the place of deposit before their departure, unless they shall with the said Officer’s consent deliver the same for the immediate use of some other vessel; and in case any of the said wood shall either be lost, taken away, or broken, the masters shall pay the value thereof to the City.

Art. 13. The Love-Warden shall, within the term of fifteen days from the date hereof, make an inventory of all the timber used for shipbridges belonging to the City, and enter the same on his books; and he shall deliver to the Mayor a true Copy thereof certified. No purchase of timber shall be made in future for the said bridges unless it shall in the Mayor’s opinion appear evident that such purchase are requisite, either by reason of numerous arrivals or in consequence of the wearing out of the said bridges by length of time.

Art. 14. The said Love-Warden shall receive in compensation of his services a Commission on the amount of his monthly receipts, the quantum of which shall be from time to time fixed by the City Council; but previously to his being paid said Commission, he must produce to the Mayor the City Treasurer’s receipt, substantiating that the whole sum received by the
said Levee Warden during the preceding month, has been paid into the City treasury.

(Signed) Charles Trudeau, Recorder.

Approved, March 24th, 1807.

(Signed) James Mather, Mayor.

a True Copy.