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No. 12.

An Act to abolish the Levying and Collection of Customs and other Duties in the Northern Territory.

[Assented to, 15th October, 1875.]

WHEREAS it is expedient that certain Duties of Customs Preamble. and certain Duties under the Marine Board Acts should not be imposed within that portion of South Australia known as the Northern Territory—Be it therefore enacted by the Governor of the Province of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of the said Province, in this present Parliament assembled, as follows :

1. After the passing of this Act, no duties of Customs shall be imposed, levied, or collected within that portion of the said Province annexed thereto by the Queen's Letters Patent, bearing date the sixth day of July, in the twenty-seventh year of her Majesty's reign, commonly known as the Northern Territory. Collection of Customs duties in Northern Territory abolished.

2. All goods imported or brought from the said Territory to that portion of the said Province lying south of the twenty-sixth parallel of south latitude, shall be chargeable with the same Customs duties as would be chargeable thereon if the same had been imported or brought from a foreign port: Provided that the Governor may, by Proclamation published in the *Government Gazette*, authorise the importation, duty free, during such period as shall be specified in such Proclamation, of all or any of the following products and articles, that is to say—

Goods, with certain exceptions, imported from Northern Territory liable to duties.

1. Natural products of the soil actually raised or grown in the said Territory :

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II. Articles

Abolition of Customs (Northern Territory) Act.—1875.

II. Articles manufactured in the said Territory from such natural products :

upon proof given to the satisfaction of the Collector or Officers of Customs that the same were such natural products, or were so manufactured as aforesaid.

Drawbacks allowed on goods exported from any other parts of Colony to Northern Territory.

3. Goods may be exported from the said portion of the said Province lying south of the twenty-sixth parallel of south latitude, to any port or landing-place in the said Territory, upon the same terms and with the same privileges as to drawback and otherwise as if such port or landing-place were a foreign port; and Act No. 12 of 1872, intituled "An Act to amend the Customs Act, 1864," shall be read and construed as if the words "and also all ports and landing-places in the Northern Territory" had been inserted in the second section of such Act immediately after the words, "in the said Colonies of New South Wales and Victoria.

Holders of goods entitled to repayment of duties actually paid.

4. The Governor, upon application made within six months from the passing hereof, by the holder of goods, in original and unbroken packages, in the said Territory, upon which the duty shall have actually been paid in the said Territory, or at any port in South Australia, may allow and cause to be repaid to such holder the amount of duty paid upon the said goods.

Ships in Northern Territory ports exempt from charges under Marine Board Acts.

5. All ships (within the meaning of the term "ships" as defined by the "Marine Board Act of 1860") entering, remaining in, and leaving any port in the said Northern Territory shall be exempt from all harbor dues, light dues, and charges imposed by the said "Marine Board Act of 1860," and by "The Marine Board Amendment Act, 1873."

Regulations may be made.

6. The Governor may, from time to time, make, alter, and rescind such regulations not being inconsistent with the provisions hereof as shall be necessary for carrying this Act into effect, and may thereby fix the amount of penalty for the breach of any such regulations. Such regulations shall, when published in the *Government Gazette*, have the force of law, and shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament within fourteen days after the making thereof, if Parliament be then sitting, and if Parliament be not sitting, then within fourteen days after the commencement of the next Session of Parliament.

In the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, I hereby assent to this Bill.

A. MUSGRAVE, Governor.