



ANNO OCTAVO

## VICTORIÆ REGINÆ,

No. 17.

*By His Excellency SIR JOHN EARDLEY EARDLEY-WILMOT,  
Baronet, Lieutenant-Governor of the Island of Van Diemen's  
Land and its Dependencies, with the Advice of the Legislative  
Council.*

*AN ACT to exempt certain Vessels from the Payment  
of Port Charges.*

**W**HEREAS it is expedient to encourage the resort of Vessels of all Nations engaged in the Whale Fishery and Vessels arriving under the circumstances hereinafter mentioned to the Ports of this Island—AND WHEREAS the exempting such Vessels from Payment of the Port Charges and Light House Dues to which they are at present liable would facilitate such object—BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by His Excellency SIR JOHN EARDLEY EARDLEY-WILMOT Baronet Lieutenant-Governor of the Island of Van Diemen's Land and its Dependencies by and with the advice of the Legislative Council that from and after the period when this Act shall come into operation Vessels of all Nations outfitting for or refitting from the Fisheries and all Vessels arriving and sailing in ballast or which may not break bulk or only to such an extent as may be necessary to provide funds for the repairs refittings or refreshment required shall be wholly exempted from all Port Charges and Light House Dues whatsoever except only those of Pilotage in cases where the service of a Pilot shall have been actually required and received any thing contained in any Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Foreign Whaling  
Vessels exempted  
from Port Charges  
and Light House  
Dues.

II. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that in the case of Foreign Vessels employed in the Whale Fishery arriving in any of the Ports of this Island for the purpose of refreshing refitting or repairing it shall be lawful for the Master or Owners of such vessels or their Agents to land and sell within any of such Ports such quantities of Oil as the Collector of Customs at that Port may certify to be necessary to reimburse to such Master Owners or their Agents aforesaid the expenses

Whaling Vessels  
refitting to be  
allowed to land  
and sell Oil for  
repairs at five per  
cent. *ad valorem*.

incurred by him or them in such refreshing refitting or repairs and upon such Oil so landed and sold as aforesaid there shall be charged and paid a Duty of Five Pounds upon every One hundred Pounds in value of the same Oil and so on in proportion for any greater or less value and no other Duty shall be payable in respect of such Oil so landed as aforesaid any law now existing or hereafter to be made to the contrary notwithstanding.

E. EARDLEY-WILMOT.

Passed the Legislative Council, this twenty-eighth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five,

ADAM TURNBULL, *Clerk of the Council.*