

No. XXI.

An Act to legalize certain arrangements made between the Governments of New South Wales and South Australia relative to the Customs Duties on Goods imported into New South Wales through South Australia by way of the River Murray. [19th October, 1855.]

MURRAY CUSTOMS
DUTIES.

WHEREAS the navigation of the River Murray from the Colony of South Australia has lately been opened and by means thereof goods are imported into the interior of the Colony of New South Wales as well as to that of the Colony of Victoria And whereas it was some time since proposed by the Government of South Australia that all goods subject to duty in the Colonies of New South Wales and Victoria intended for transit up the said river and for consumption in such Colonies respectively should be duly entered at a Custom House in South Australia and the duty paid thereon according to the Tariff of South Australia and that a declaration of the destination thereof should be made and a manifest and clearance obtained and that the amount of duties received on such goods by the Treasury of South Australia should be held to the credit of the Colony for whose consumption they were shipped and forwarded And whereas in the last Session of the Legislative Council of New South Wales it was by the said Council resolved as follows that is to say—“This Council is of opinion “ that all goods subject to duty and intended for transit up the River “ Murray for consumption in this Colony should be duly entered at “ a Custom House in South Australia (such goods being duty paid “ according to the South Australian Tariff) and a declaration of destination made and a manifest and clearance obtained and that the amount “ of Duties on such goods which may be received at the Treasury of “ South Australia should be held to the credit of this Colony ” And whereas the arrangement so proposed by the Government of South Australia and approved of by the said Legislative Council has been acceded to and has been since acted upon as respects goods imported for consumption in this Colony by the said Governments of South Australia and of this Colony and it is intended to continue so to do but such arrangement is not in conformity with law by reason that the Tariff of South Australia is in various particulars different from that of New South Wales and also that the Customs Duties of this Colony ought by law to be collected within the same and in accordance with the regulations by law established in that behalf And whereas under the circumstances it is expedient that the Governor and

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and all Officers of the Customs in this Colony should be indemnified in respect of all departures from the law occasioned by having acted upon the said arrangement and that such arrangement should be sanctioned by an Act of the Governor and Legislative Council for so long as it shall be deemed expedient as hereinafter mentioned to continue the same Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof as follows:—

Indemnity to Officers
in respect of Customs
on goods by the
River Murray.

Authority to con-
tinue arrangement
with Government of
South Australia.

The said Governor and all Officers of Customs who have acted under the said arrangement with the Government of South Australia shall be and they are hereby indemnified in respect of all receipts of duties upon goods imported into the Colony of New South Wales through South Australia by way of the River Murray which may either have been short of or in excess of the duties payable thereon under the Tariff of this Colony and in respect of the failure to collect the same in accordance with the Customs regulations of this Colony And it shall be lawful for the said Governor and all Officers of the Customs to continue to act upon the said arrangement for so long as the said Governments of South Australia and of this Colony shall continue the same or until it shall be resolved by the Legislative Council of this Colony that it is expedient that such arrangement should be discontinued.
