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No. I.

OPIMUM DUTY. An Act for granting a Duty of Customs on
Opium. [20th November, 1857.]

Preamble. **W**HEREAS it is expedient to grant to Her Majesty a Duty of Customs upon Opium Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows :—

Ten shillings per
pound duty on
Opium.

1. In addition to all other Duties of Customs which are now by law chargeable and payable to Her Majesty there shall be charged and collected and paid to Her Majesty upon all Opium imported into New South Wales a Duty of Customs at the rate of ten shillings upon and for every pound avoirdupois weight thereof.

Commencement of
Act.
Indemnities for
previous levies.

2. This Act shall come into force on the day of the passing thereof Provided that any Customs Duties charged collected or levied upon Opium imported into New South Wales since the twentieth day of August one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven if charged at the rate aforesaid and in other respects in accordance with the provisions of this Act shall be deemed to have been lawfully charged collected or levied.

Indemnifying
Officers not passing
entries.

3. And for any refusal to pass any entry for Opium on the part of any Officer of the Customs since the said twentieth day of August such Officer shall be indemnified and held harmless and free from any action or suit.

Short title.

4. This Act shall be styled and may be cited as the "Opium Duties Act of 1857."