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No. 6.

An Act to regulate the collection and distribution of Duties Goods intended for consumption in the Colonies of New South Wales and Victoria, carried by way of the River Murray.

[Assented to, March 5, 1856.]

HEREAS, by means of the establishment of Steam Commu- Preamble. nication on the River Murray, a traffic hath arisen between this Province and the Colonies of New South Wales and Victoria, and goods liable to the payment of duty in this Province and in the said Colonies respectively, are imported into this Province, and are conveyed to and landed in such Colonies, for the purpose of consumption there: And whereas, in order to prevent the interruption to such traffic which would arise from the levying of duties upon such goods at the respective places in the said Colonies whereat the same may be landed, arrangements have been entered into between the respective Governments of this Province and of the said Colonies, that all duties to be paid in respect of the same goods should be collected by the Officers of Customs of this Province, according to the scale of duties leviable thereon in this Province, and that the amount of such duties should be paid over to the respective Governments of the said Colonies, in certain proportions: And whereas, in pursuance of such arrangement, various duties have been collected in this Province upon goods imported liable to duty, which have been afterwards conveyed to the said Colonies respectively, for consumption there: And whereas it is expedient to authorize and sanction the payment of the duties so collected, to the said respective Governments of the said Colonies, and also to provide for the collection and distribution of duties in respect of all goods liable to duty, as hereinafter mentioned, which may hereafter be imported into this Province for consumption in the said Colonies,

or either of them—Be it therefore Enacted, by the Governor-in-Chief of the Province of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council of the same, as follows:

Governor may authorize payment over of duties upon goods imported by way of the River Murray into the Colonies of New South Wales or Victoria.

1. It shall be lawful for the Governor, by warrant under his hand, to authorize the payment to the Governments of New South Wales and Victoria respectively, in such proportion as may be agreed upon, of all duties which have been or which at any time hereafter may be received or collected in this Province, in respect of any goods liable to duty in the Colonies of New South Wales and Victoria respectively, which shall have been imported by way of the said River Murray into the said Colonies of New South Wales and Victoria, or either of them; and such warrant, and the receipt of any person authorized by the Governor-in-Chief of the said Colonies respectively to receive the same, shall be a sufficient discharge to the person paying any sums mentioned in such warrant and receipt.

Governor, with advice of Executive Council, may proclaim regulations.

2. It shall be lawful for the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, by proclamation in the South Australian Government Gazette, to make, and from time to time to vary and alter, regulations for the entry outwards of all goods liable to duty which shall be intended to be imported into the said Colonies, or either of them, by way of the said River, and for the due discharge of such goods beyond the boundaries of this Province, and for all such other matters as may be requisite for the due collection of and accounting for all duties payable upon or in respect of such goods.

Previous acts and payments confirmed.

3. All acts heretofore done, and all payments heretofore made to the said Governments of the said Colonies, or either of them, by or by authority of the Governor, under and in pursuance of the said arrangement for the collection and payment of duties upon goods imported into the said Colonies by way of the said River Murray, shall have the same force and validity as though such acts had been done or payments made subsequent to the passing of this Act.