

Customs' Duties.

No. XXIV.

An Act to alter and amend the Duties of Customs payable in the Colony of New South Wales and on Spirits distilled therein. [Reserved—
22nd December, 1843.]

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament passed in the fifth and sixth years of the reign of Her present Majesty intituled "An Act for the Government of New South Wales and Van Diemen's Land" it was enacted that the Governor of New South Wales with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof should have power to make laws for the peace welfare and good government of the said Colony and it was further provided by the said Act that all Bills altering or affecting the Duties of Customs upon any goods wares or merchandise imported to or exported from the said Colony should be reserved for Her Majesty's pleasure except such Bills for temporary laws as the Governor might expressly declare necessary to be forthwith assented to by reason of some pressing emergency and whereas it will be for the advantage of the trade and commerce of the said Colony that a fixed duty should in some cases be substituted for an *ad valorem* duty and that the duties on spirits imported into or distilled in the Colony should be lowered Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof That from and after the approval of this Act by Her Majesty and the notification of such approval in the Colony there shall be levied on all articles imported into the Colony of New South Wales enumerated in the Schedule to this Act annexed marked A the duty specified against such article in the said Schedule in lieu of the *ad valorem* duty at present payable on the same Provided always that it shall be lawful for the Governor with the advice of the Executive Council by proclamation to exempt flour wheat or other grain from the duties in the said Schedule specified for such period as the said Governor with such advice as aforesaid may from time to time direct and appoint.

2. And be it enacted That the duties payable on the importation into this Colony of spirituous liquors of any description shall be reduced to one-half of the amount now payable by law on such spirits Provided that spirits imported into this Colony from any British possession being the produce and manufacture thereof shall be chargeable with no other or greater duty than spirits the produce and manufacture of the United Kingdom imported into the said Colony directly from the said United Kingdom.

3. And be it enacted That the duty on spirits distilled in the Colony shall in like manner be reduced to one-half of the amount now payable by law on such spirits.

4. And be it enacted That the duties payable on the importation into this Colony of articles not mentioned in this Act nor in the Schedule appended to it shall in no way be altered or affected by the passing of this Act.

5. And be it enacted That this Act shall not come in force until it shall have been approved by Her Majesty nor until Her Majesty's approval shall have been notified in the usual manner by order of His Excellency the Governor in the *Government Gazette* of the Colony.

Justices Indemnity and Powers.

 SCHEDULE A.

Without distinction as to the place from which the article is imported.

	s.	d.
Flour or meal per cwt.	2	6
Grain—wheat per bushel	1	0
All other sorts of grain	0	4
Sugar—unrefined or molasses per lb.	0	0 $\frac{1}{4}$
Sugar—refined	0	0 $\frac{3}{4}$
Wine per gallon	1	0
Coffee per lb.	0	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
Tea per lb.	0	1
