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VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

CAP. IV.

*AN ACT for Regulating the Appropriation of  
Packet Postage in this Colony.*

[Passed 15th June, 1853.]

**W**HEREAS the Income of the Post Office Establishment of this Colony is insufficient to defray its Expenditure, the same being now paid out of the Revenue of this Island; and whereas it is deemed expedient, in order to aid in the payment of such Expenditure, that a portion of the Packet Postage payable in this Island should be appropriated to that purpose: Preamble

Be it therefore enacted, by the Governor, Council and Assembly, in Legislative Session convened,

I.—That all Packet Postages for Letters shall be One Shilling Sterling the Half-ounce; Ten Pence of which shall belong to the English Post Office, and Two Pence to the Post Office Establishment of this Colony: Provided always, that upon any reduction being made in the present Postage by the Imperial Parliament, a like proportion on the foregoing shall belong to the Post Office Establishment of this Colony. Packet Postage of letters to be 1s. per half oz; 10d. to belong to the English Post Office, and 2d. to the Post Office in this Colony.

II.—That the said sum of Two Pence, or a like proportion of such reduced Postage, shall be retained by the Postmaster General, and paid into the Treasury of the Colony, to be applied towards defraying the salary of the Postmaster General and the other expenses of the said Post Office Establishment of this Colony. Proportion of such postage to be retained by Postmaster General and paid into the Treasury.

III.—That this Act shall not be in force until Her Majesty's pleasure shall be first duly signified thereon. Suspending clause