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## CAP. I.

*An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties on Goods, Wares and Merchandize, imported into this Colony and its Dependencies.*

[Passed 7th April, 1865.]

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY :—

**WE**, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects the Commons of Newfoundland, in General Assembly convened, towards raising the necessary Revenue to defray Your Majesty's Public Expenses in this Colony, have freely and voluntarily resolved to give and grant unto your Majesty the Duties hereinafter mentioned ; and do therefore beseech Your Majesty that it may be enacted :

Preamble.

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

I.—From and after the passing of this Act, and during the continuance thereof, there shall be raised, levied, collected, and paid, unto Your Majesty, Your

Duties imposed

Heirs and Successors, upon all Goods, Wares and Merchandize, imported, brought, or in any way coming into this Island, or any of its Dependencies, the several and respective Duties inserted, described and set forth in Figures in the Table of Duties hereinafter contained, denominated "Table of Duties," opposite to and against the respective Articles in the said Table mentioned, described and enumerated, and according to the value, number or quantity of such articles therein specified, as follows :

**No. 1.**

*TABLE OF DUTIES.*

Table of Duties.

Ale, Porter, Cider, and Perry, viz :—

" In Bottles the Dozen of 2 gallons	.....	\$0 24
" In Casks	..... the gallon	0 05
Bacon, Ham, Smoked Beef and Sausages,	the cwt.	1 98
Beef, salted and cured, the barrel of 200 lbs.		0 50
Biscuit or Bread	..... the cwt.	0 06
Butter	..... the cwt.	0 72
Cheese	..... the cwt.	1 32
Chocolate and Cocoa	..... the lb.	0 02
Cigars	..... the M.	2 64
Coffee	..... the lb.	0 02
Coals—imported or brought into the Port of St. John's, and other than such as come under the provisions of the Reciprocity Treaty,	} the ton	..... 0 24
Feathers and Feather Beds	..... the lb.	0 02
Flour	..... the barrel,	0 36
Fruit, dried	..... the lb.	0 03
" other descriptions	..... the \$100.	11 00
Confectionary	..... the cwt.	3 30
Packages in which Dry Goods are imported,		11 per cent. <i>ad valorem.</i>

**Table of Duties, (Continued.)**

Molasses	.....	the gallon,	\$0 05	Table of Duties.
Oatmeal and Indian Meal	.....	the barrel,	0 12	
Pork	.....	the barrel of 200 lbs.	0 72	
Salt	.....	the ton,	0 12	
Shooks and Staves, manufactured or dressed, the \$100, 11 per cent.	.....		11 00	

**Spirits, viz :**

Brandy, Gin, Whiskey, or other Spirits not herein defined or enumerated, and not exceeding the strength of proof by Sykes's Hydrometer, and so in propor- tion for any greater strength than the strength of proof,	}	the gallon	.. 1 20
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All Spirits of greater strength than forty-three over proof shall be deemed to be Undefined Spirits, and subject to duty accordingly.

Cordials, Shrub and other Spirits being sweetened or mixed so that the degree of strength cannot be ascertained as aforesaid,	}	the gallon	.. 0 72
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Rum, not exceeding the strength of proof by Sykes's Hydrometer, and so in proportion for any greater strength than the strength of proof,	}	the gallon	.. 0 60
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Sugar, viz., Loaf and Refined	.....	the cwt.	3 20
“ Unrefined	.....	the cwt.	1 98
“ Bastard	.....	the cwt.	2 40
Souchong, Congou and Bohea Tea		the lb.	0 08
All other Tea	.....	the lb.	0 10
Tobacco, Manufactured and Leaf		the lb.	0 07
Tobacco Stems	.....	the cwt.	0 50
Vinegar	.....	the gallon,	0 06

**Wines, viz. :**

Spanish Red, Sicilian, Figueira Red, Lisbon Common, Manza- nilla, Cape, Sweet Malaga and Claret, in wood or bottles,	}	the gallon	.. 0 24
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**Table of Duties, (Continued.)**

	Wines of all other kinds, in bottles, the gallon	\$1 44
Table of Duties.	Port, Madeira, Hock, Burgundy, } (in wood or other vessels, not } being bottles,) } the gallon..	1 20
	Sherry, ..... } and 12½ per cent. <i>ad valorem</i> . }	the gallon, 0 72
	All other Wines, ..... } and 12½ per cent. <i>ad valorem</i> . }	the gallon, 0 60
	Anchors } Barley and Oats } Canvass } Cordage and Cables } Copper and Composition Metal } for Ships, viz.: Sheathing, Bar, } Bolt, and Nails } Corks and Corkwood } Fishing Tackle, Indian Corn } Iron, viz.: Bar, Bolt, Sheathing } and Sheet, Wrought Nails } Medicines } Oakum } Pease } Pitch, Tar, Turpentine and } Rosin } Poultry and Fresh Meat }	the \$100.. \$5 50
	Goods, Wares and Merchandize, } not otherwise enumerated, de- } scribed or charged with duty in } this Act, and not otherwise ex- } empt }	the \$100.. \$11 00
	Fish, salted, dried or pickled, for } every cwt. imported, }	1 32

**Local Distillation.**

	Rum, not exceeding the strength } of proof by Sykes's Hydrometer, } and so in proportion for any } greater strength than the } strength of proof, }	the gallon.. 0 40
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**Table of Duties, (Continued.)**

Brandy, Gin, or other Spirits, not herein defined or enumerated, not exceeding the strength of proof by Sykes's Hydrometer, and so in proportion for any greater strength than the strength of proof, } the gallon \$0 48

II.—All Articles in the following Table shall be exempt from any duty, viz. :—

**No. 2.***TABLE OF EXEMPTIONS.*

Printing Presses, Printing Paper, (Royal and Demy)	Exemptions.
Types, and all other Printing Materials	
Printed Books, Pamphlets, Maps and Charts	
Coin and Bullion	
Hemp, Flax, Tow	
Plants, Trees and Shrubs	
Specimens illustrative of Natural History	
Works of Art, viz. :—Engravings, Paintings, Statuary, and all other Articles imported for Religious purposes and not intended for sale.	
Manures of all kinds	
Arms, Clothing, and Provisions for Her Majesty's Land and Sea Forces	
Passengers' Baggage, Household Furniture, and Work- ing Tools and Implements, used and in the use of Persons arriving in this Island.	
Refuse of Rice	
Seeds for Agricultural purposes	
Vegetables of all sorts	
Animals of all kinds	
Articles of every description imported for the use of the Governor	
Donations of Clothing specially imported for distribu- tion gratuitously by any Charitable Society.	
Cotton Yarn	
Pig Iron, Coke	

**Table of Exemptions, (Continued.)**

Exemptions.

Sulphuric Acid when used for the Manufacture of Manure

Materials for Sheathing the bottoms of Vessels, such as Zinc, Copper and Metal, together with Nails, Paper or Felt, which may be used under the same, shall be free and exempt from duty, when imported in the Vessel on which they are intended to be used, and entered as Ship's Stores; such Sheathing and Materials to be so used before the Ship again leaves Port, or the same to be entered for duty in the ordinary way.

III.—The following Articles, being the growth and produce of the United States of America, mentioned and enumerated in the Schedule to an Act made and passed in the Legislature, entitled "An Act to give effect, on the part of the Island of Newfoundland, to a certain Treaty between Her Majesty and the United States of America," shall be admitted Free of Duty, viz. :—

**No. 3.**

Exemptions under Treaty.

**TABLE OF EXEMPTIONS UNDER THE TREATY WITH THE UNITED STATES.**

Grain, Flour and Breadstuffs, of all kinds

Animals of all kinds

Fresh, smoked, and salted Meats

Cotton Wool, Seeds and Vegetables

Undried Fruits, Dried Fruits

Fish of all kinds

Products of Fish, and all other creatures living in the water

Poultry, Eggs

Hides, Furs, Skins or Tails—undressed

Stone or Marble, in its crude or unwrought state

Slate

Butter, Cheese, Tallow, Lard

Horns, Manures  
 Ores of Metals of all kinds  
 Coals  
 Pitch, Tar, Turpentine  
 Ashes  
 Timber and Lumber of all kinds, round, hewed and  
 sawed—unmanufactured in whole or in part  
 Firewood, Plants, Shrubs and Trees  
 Pelts, Wool  
 Fish Oil  
 Rice, Broom Corn and Bark  
 Gypsum—ground or unground  
 Hewn or wrought or unwrought Burr or Grindstones  
 Dye Stuffs  
 Flax, Hemp, Tow—unmanufactured  
 Unmanufactured Tobacco  
 Rags ;

Exemptions un-  
 der Treaty.

—So long as the said Treaty between Great Britain and the United States of America, in the said recited Act mentioned, shall remain in force in this Island.

And similar articles, (except Coals) being the growth, produce and manufacture of the United Kingdom, British North American Provinces, or of the Island of Prince Edward, or the Channel Islands, shall be admitted Duty Free, notwithstanding any law to the contrary.

IV.—It shall not be lawful for any Importer of Fish, salted, dried, or pickled, not exempted from duty by any of the provisions of this Act, to Warehouse the same in any of the Ports of this Colony or its Dependencies, without the payment of the Duty hereinbefore imposed ; and the provisions of any Act of this Colony with regard to the warehousing of Goods on the first Entry thereof, or to the allowance of Drawbacks upon Exportation, shall not in either case apply, or be construed to apply, to such Fish.

Foreign Fish  
 not to be Ware-  
 housed without  
 payment of  
 Duty.

Duties on Li-  
quors distilled  
in this Colony.

V.—From and after the passing of this Act, the Duty to be levied, paid and collected, on Spiritous Li-  
quors, manufactured, extracted or distilled in this Is-  
land, shall be at the rate mentioned in the Table of  
Duties in this Act for Local Distillation.

Duties to be col-  
lected in Dollars  
and Cents.

VI.—All sums of Money payable under this Act, as  
Duties, Penalties, or Forfeitures, shall be deemed, and  
are hereby declared to be in Dollars and Cents, New-  
foundland Currency, and shall be received, taken and  
paid in such Currency; and all such Duties shall be  
paid and received according to Imperial Weights  
and Measures by law established in this Colony; and  
in all cases where such duties are imposed according to  
any specific quantity or value, the same shall apply in  
like proportion to any greater or less quantity or  
value.

Yachts exempt.

VII.—All Yachts sailing under Warrant of the Lords  
of the Admiralty, or belonging to the Royal Yacht  
Club, shall be exempted, on view of the said Warrant,  
from Payment of all Local Duties whatsoever.

Importers to  
pay Duties.

VIII.—The several Duties imposed, and in the said  
Table of Duties mentioned, in this Act, shall be paid  
by the Importer or Importers of such Articles respec-  
tively, and shall be collected and secured by means of  
and under the regulations and penalties, and in the  
way and manner provided by this Act, and by any  
other Act or Acts of the General Assembly of this Is-  
land for collecting the Revenue of this Island and its  
Dependencies.

Salaries to Offi-  
cers.

IX.—There shall be allowed and paid annually to  
the following Officers of Her Majesty's Customs in this  
Colony, hereinafter mentioned, to defray all expenses  
of remuneration for the collection of the Colonial Re-  
venue, and charges incidental thereto, the sums set op-  
posite the names of the said Officers, for the period  
during which this Act shall be in operation, viz. :—



The Assistant Collector at St. John's, One Thousand Three Hundred and Eighty-five Dollars.

Salaries to Officers.

The Landing and Tide Surveyor, One Thousand One Hundred and fifty-four Dollars.

Two Landing Waiters at St. John's, each Nine Hundred and Twenty-four Dollars.

First Clerk and Warehouse Keeper at St. John's, Nine Hundred and Twenty-four Dollars.

Second Clerk at St. John's, Six Hundred and Ninety-three Dollars.

Third Clerk at St. John's, Six Hundred and Ninety-three Dollars.

Fourth Clerk at St. John's, Six Hundred and Ninety-three Dollars.

Assistant Clerk at St. John's, Two Hundred and Thirty-one Dollars.

One Locker at St. John's, One Hundred and Thirty-nine Dollars, and Seventy Cents per day when employed.

The Collector at Labrador, Four Hundred and Sixty-two Dollars, and two and a half per cent. on all duties collected.

The Sub-Collector at Lamaline, Four Hundred and Sixty-two Dollars, and two and a half per cent. on all duties collected.

The Sub-Collector at Fogo, Five Hundred and Seventy-seven Dollars, and two and a half per cent. on all duties collected.

The Sub-Collector at LaPoile, Six Hundred and Twenty-four Dollars, and two and a half per cent. on all duties collected.

The Sub-Collector at Greenspond, Five Hundred and Seventy-seven Dollars, and two and a half per cent. on all duties collected.

Salaries to Of-  
ficers.

The Sub-Collector at Gaultois, Four Hundred and Sixty-two Dollars, and two and a half per cent. on all duties collected.

The Sub-Collector at Trinity, Six Hundred and Ninety-three Dollars, and two and a half per cent. on all duties collected.

The Sub-Collector at Harbor Grace, Seven Hundred and Thirty-nine Dollars, and two and a half per cent. on all Duties collected. Provided that the amount of the said salary shall be equal to but not more than One Thousand One Hundred and Eighty-two Dollars.

The Tide Waiter and Clerk at Harbor Grace, Five Hundred and Seventy-Seven Dollars.

The Sub-Collector at Carbonear, Five Hundred and Seventy-seven Dollars, and two and a half per cent. on all duties collected.

The Sub-Collector at Brigus, Four Hundred and Sixty-two Dollars, and two and a half per cent. on all duties collected.

The Sub-Collector at Burin, Four Hundred and Sixty-two Dollars, and two and a half per cent. on all duties collected.

The Sub-Collector at Harbor Britain, Four Hundred and Sixty-two Dollars, and two and a half per cent. on all duties collected.

The Sub-Collector at Twillingate, Four Hundred and Sixty-two Dollars, and two and a half per cent. on all duties collected.

The Preventive Officer at Great Placentia, Two Hundred and Thirty-one Dollars, and ten per cent. on all duties collected.

The Preventive Officer at Bay Bulls, Two Hundred and Thirty-one Dollars.

The Preventive Officer at Ferryland, Two Hundred and Thirty-one Dollars, and ten per cent. on all duties collected.

The Preventive Officer at St. Mary's, Two Hundred and Thirty-one Dollars, and ten per cent. on all duties collected. Salaries to Officers.

The Preventive Officer at Little Placentia, Two Hundred and Thirty-one Dollars, and ten per cent. on all duties collected.

The Preventive Officer at LaManche, Two Hundred and Thirty-one Dollars, and ten per cent. on all duties collected.

The Preventive Officer at Bay Roberts, Two Hundred and Thirty-one Dollars, and ten per cent. on all duties collected.

The Preventive Officer at St. Lawrence, Two Hundred and Thirty-one Dollars, and ten per cent. on all Duties collected.

The Preventive Officer at Bellorem, Two Hundred and Thirty-one Dollars, and ten per cent. on all Duties collected.

The Preventive Officer at Pushthrough, Two Hundred and Thirty-one Dollars, and ten per cent. on all Duties collected.

The Preventive Officer at Burgeo, Two Hundred and Thirty-one Dollars, and ten per cent. on all duties collected.

The Preventive Officer at Bay-de-North and English Harbor, combined, Three Hundred and Seventy Dollars, and ten per cent. on all duties collected.

The Preventive Officer at Channel, Two Hundred and Thirty-one Dollars, and ten per cent. on all duties collected.

The Preventive Officer at Catalina, Two Hundred and Thirty-one Dollars, and ten per cent. on all duties collected.

The Preventive Officer at Lance Sablon, Two Hundred and Thirty-one Dollars, and ten per cent. on all duties collected.

**Tide Waiters.** To defray the expense of Tide-Waiters and Preventive Boats and Crews at St. John's, and Tide-Waiters at the Outports, a sum not exceeding Eight Thousand and Thirty-one Dollars.

**Night Boat.** To defray the Expense of Night Boat and Crew at St. John's, One Thousand Three Hundred and Eighty-five Dollars.

**Printed Forms and Postages.** Stationery, Printed Forms, Postages and other incidental expenses, Six Hundred and Ninety-three Dollars.

**Keeper of Custom House.** The Keeper of the Custom House at St. John's, One Hundred and Eighty-five Dollars.

**This Act not to affect recited Act** X.—Nothing in this Act contained shall in any way affect any matter or thing contained in the hereinbefore in part recited Act.

**Section of Act permitting Bonds to be given for Duties on Wines, &c., repealed.** XI.—So much of the Thirty-first Section of an Act passed in the Twenty-seventh year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, entitled "An Act to amend and Consolidate the Laws of the Customs," as permits a Bond to be given for the payment of Duties on Wines, Spirits, Unrefined Sugar and Tobacco, shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

**Repeal of previous Act.** XII.—When and so soon as this Act shall come into operation, the Act of the Legislature, passed in the last Session thereof, entitled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties on Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, imported into this Colony and its Dependencies," shall be, and stand repealed. Provided always that all Bonds given and payments made for Duties under the said Act are hereby confirmed and declared valid, and

nothing herein contained shall be construed to affect the same.

XIII.—This Act shall continue in force from the passing thereof up to the Twentieth day of May, which will be in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-Six, and no longer.

Continuance of Act.

## CAP. II.

*An Act to Regulate the Inland Posts of this Colony.*

[Passed 7th April, 1865.]

**W**HEREAS it is expedient to make provision for the Inland Postal Communication of this Colony :

Preamble.

Be it therefore enacted by the Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, in Legislative Session convened, as follows :—

I.—The Governor in Council shall have full power and authority (subject always to the provisions and regulations of this Act) to open and close Post Offices and Mail Routes, and appoint, suspend or remove the Post Master General, and all or any Post Masters, Officers, Deputies, Agents and Servants, connected therewith.

Post Office Department subject to the control of Governor in Council.

II.—The Post Master General shall give Bond in the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars, with two sureties in the sum of Five Hundred Dollars each; and Deputy Post Masters shall give bond in such sum, and with such sureties, as may be directed by the Governor in Council.

Post Master General to give Bond, &c.,

III.—No person shall be capable of holding the office of Post Master, or of being an officer of the Post Office, unless such person shall have first made and

Oath of Office to be taken.