

Laws of Her Majesty's Province of Newfoundland, passed in the year 1858.

21 Victoria – Chapter 4

An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties on Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, imported into this Colony and its Dependencies. (Passed 10th May, 1858.)

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;

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

I. That 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 Heirs and Successors, upon all Goods, Wares and Merchandize, imported or brought into this Island and 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

| | | | £ | s. | d. | |
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| Ale, Porter, Cider and Perry, viz: | | | | | | |
| In Bottles, the dozen of 2 Gallons | | | 0 | 0 | 9 | |
| In Casks | | the Gallon | 0 | 0 | 3 | |
| Bacon, Hams, Smoked Beef and Sausage | | the cwt. | 0 | 7 | 6 | |
| Beef, salted and cured | | the brl of 200 lbs. | 0 | 2 | 0 | |
| Biscuit or Bread | | | the cwt. | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Butter | | | " | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Cheese | | | " | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Chocolate and Cocoa | | | the lb. | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Cigars | | | the M. | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Coals | | | the ton | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Coffee | | | the lb. | 0 | 0 | 1 |

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| Feathers and Feather beds | | " | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Flour | | the brl. | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| Fruits, dried | | the lb. | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| " , other description | | the £100 | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Molasses | | the gal. | 0 | 0 | 2½ |
| Oatmeal and Indian Meal | | the brl. | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Pork | | the brl. of 200 lbs. | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Salt | | the ton | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Shingles | | the M. | 0 | 1 | 0 |

SPIRITS, VIZ:

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| Brandy, Gin, Whiskey and Cordials, or other Spirits not herein defined or enumerated, not exceeding the strength of proof by Sykes's Hydro- meter, and so in proportion for any greater strength than the strength of proof, | the gallon | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Rum, not exceeding the strenght of proof by Sykes's Hydrometer, and so in proportion for any greater strength than strength of proof, | " | 0 | 1 | 6 |

Sugar, Viz:

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| Loaf and Refined | | the cwt. | 0 | 12 | 0 |
| Unrefined | | " | 0 | 7 | 6 |
| Bastard | | " | 0 | 7 | 6 |
| Tea | | the lb. | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Tobacco, Manufactured and Leaf | | " | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Tobacco Stems | | the cwt. | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Vinegar | | the gal. | 0 | 0 | 3 |

Wines, viz:

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| Wines of all kinds, in bottles | | " | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Port, Madeira, Hock, Burgundy, Claret, in wood or other vessels, not being bottles | | " | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Sherry, 12½ per cent. ad valorem, and, | | the gallon | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| All other Wines | | " | 0 | 2 | 0 |

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| Anchors | } | The £100 | 5 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| 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 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Goods, Wares and Merchandize, not otherwise enumerated, described or charged with duty in this Act, and not otherwise exempt | | | | | | } | The £100 | 10 | 0 | 0 |
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| LOCAL DISTILLATION | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rum, not exceeding the strenght of proof by Sykes's Hydrometer, and so in proportion for any greater strength than the strength of proof | } | the gallon | 0 | 8 | 0 | | | | | |
| Brandy, Gin, or other Spirits not here- in defined, or enumerated, not ex- ceeding the strength of proof by Syke's Hydrometer, and so in proportion for any greater strength than the strength of proof | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | " | 0 | 1 | 0 | | | | | |

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

NO. 2.
TABLE OF EXEMPTIONS.

- 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 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 Working 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
Printing Paper, Royal and Demy, in use for Newspapers,
Articles of any description imported for the use of the Governor,
Donations of Clothing, specially imported for distribution gratuitously by any Charitable Society,
Cotton Yarn,
Pig Iron
Coke
Printing Presses, Type, and all other Printing Materials,

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.

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
Coal
Pitch, Tar, Turpentine Ashes
Timber and Lumber of all kinds
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

So long as the said Treaty between Great Britain and the United States of America, in the recited Act mentioned, shall remain in force in this Island. And similar Articles, being the growth, produce, and manufacture of the United Kingdom, British North American Province s, or of the Island of Prince Edward, or the Channel Islands, shall be admitted Duty Free notwithstanding any Law to the contrary.

IV. From and after the passing of this Act, the Duty to be levied, paid and collected on Spirituous Liquors manufactured, extracted, or distilled in this Island, shall be at the rates, mentioned in the Table of Duties in this Act for Local Distillation.

V. All sums of money granted or imposed, either as Duties, Penalties, Forfeitures, or otherwise, by this or any Act or Acts of the General Assembly of this Island, shall be deemed, and are hereby declared to be in Sterling Money of Great Britain, and shall be received, taken and paid in such Sterling Money, or in Foreign Coins at such rates as they are now received in payment of Colonial Duties in this Island; and that all such Duties shall be paid and received according to Imperial Weights and Measures by law established in this Colony: and that in all cases where such Duties are imposed according to any specific quantity or any specific value, the same shall be deemed to apply in the same proportion to any greater or less, quantity or value.

VI. All Yachts sailing under Warrant of the Lords of the Admiralty, as belonging to the Royal Yacht Club, shall be exempted, on view of the said Warrant, from payment of all Local Duties whatsoever.

VII. 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 respectively, and shall be collected and secured by means of and under the regulations and penalties, and in the way and manner, provided by any Act or Acts of the General Assembly of this Island for collecting the Revenues of this Island and its Dependencies.

VIII. There shall be allowed and paid to the following Officers of Her Majesty's Customs in this Colony, hereinafter mentioned, to defray all expenses of remuneration for tire collection of the Colonial Revenue, and charges incidental thereto, the sums set opposite 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, Three Hundred Pounds.

The Landing and Tide Surveyor, Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds.

Two Landing Waiters at St. John's, each Two Hundred Pounds.

First Clerk and Warehouse Keeper at St. John's, Two Hundred Pounds.

Second Clerk at St. John's, One Hundred and Fifty Pounds.

Third Clerk at St. John's, One Hundred and Fifty Pounds.

Fourth Clerk and Locker at St. John's, One Hundred and Fifty Pounds.

One Locker at St. John's, Thirty Pounds, and Three Shillings per day when employed.

The Sub-Collector at Lamaline, One Hundred Pounds, and two and a half per cent on all duties collected.

The Sub-Collector at Fogo, One Hundred and Twenty Five Pounds, and two and a half per cent on all duties collected.

The Sub-Collector at LaPoile, One Hundred and Thirty- Five Pounds, and two and- a half per cent on all duties collected.

The Sub-Collector at Greenspond, One Hundred and Twenty Five- Pounds, and two and a half per cent on all duties collected.

The Sub-Collector at Gaultois, One Hundred Pounds, and two and a half per cent on all duties collected.

The Sub-Collector at Trinity, One Hundred and Fifty Pounds, and two and a half per cent on all duties collected.

The Sub-Collector at Harbor Grace, One Hundred and Sixty Pounds, and two and a half per cent on all duties collected: Provided the amount of the said salary shall be equal to but not more than Two-Hundred and Fifty Six Pounds.

The Sub-Collector at Carbonear, One Hundred and Twenty Five Pounds, and two and a half per cent on all duties collected.

The Sub-Collector at Brigus, One Hundred Pounds, and two and a half per cent on all duties collected.

The Sub-Collector at Placentia, One Hundred Pounds, and two and a half per cent on all duties collected.

The Sub-Collector at Burin, One Hundred Pounds, and two and a half per cent on all duties collected.

The Sub-Collector at Harbor Breton, One Hundred Pounds, and two and a half per cent on all duties collected.

The Preventive Officer at Bay Bulls, Fifty Pounds.

The Preventive Officer at Ferryland, Fifty Pounds, and ten per cent on all duties collected.

Preventive Officer at Twillingate, Fifty Pounds, and ten per cent on all duties collected.

Preventive Officer at St. Mary's, Fifty Pounds, and ten per cent on all duties collected.

Preventive Officer .at Little Placentia, Fifty Pounds, and ten percent on all duties collected.

Preventive Officer at Oderin, Fifty Pounds, and ten per cent on all duties collected.

Preventive Officer at St. Lawrence, Fifty Pounds, and ten per cent on all duties collected.

Preventive Officer at Bellorem [Belleoram], Fifty Pounds, and ten per cent on all duties collected.

Preventive Officer at Burgeo, Fifty Pounds, and ten per cent on all duties collected.

Preventive Officer at Channel, Fifty Pounds, and ten per cent on all duties collected.

To defray the expenses of Tide Waiters and Preventive Boats and Crews at St. John's, and Tide Waiters at the Out-ports, a sum not exceeding Fifteen Hundred Pounds.

To defray the expense of Night Boat and Crew at St. John's, Three Hundred Pounds.

Stationery and Printed Forms, Postages, and other incidental expenses, One Hundred and Fifty Pounds.

Allowance to Unofficial Members of the Board of Revenue, Fifty Pounds.

The Keeper of the Custom-house at St. John's, Forty Pounds.

IX. Nothing in this Act contained shall in any way affect any matter or thing contained in the hereinbefore in part recited Act.

X. When and so soon as this Act shall come into operation, the Act of the Legislature of this Colony 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 repealed, and the same shall 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.

XI. This Act shall continue in force for. one year from the passing thereof, and no longer.