

No. IX.

LIGHT-HOUSES.

An Act to provide for the maintenance of Light-houses at Port Macquarie Newcastle and Port Phillip in the Colony of New South Wales. [24th November, 1843.]

Preamble.

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Vessels above fifty tons arriving within the Harbour of Port Macquarie or Newcastle liable to Light-house dues set forth in Schedule A.

WHEREAS by an Act of the Governor of New South Wales with the advice of the Legislative Council thereof passed in the third year of the reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth intituled "*An Act for the better preservation of the Ports Harbours Havens Roadsteads Channels Navigable Creeks and Rivers in New South Wales and the better regulating of Shipping in the same*" it was among other things enacted that the master or commander of every ship or vessel above the burthen of fifty tons which should arrive or come within the Heads of Port Jackson should pay into the hands of the Collector of Customs or his deputy towards the maintenance of the Light-house at the entrance of the said port the several dues as the same are respectively inserted described and set forth in figures in the table to the said recited Act annexed marked with the letter E and all sums of money which should be so received by the Collector of Customs or his deputy should be paid without any deduction whatsoever to the Colonial Treasurer for the maintenance of the said Light-house and whereas it is expedient to authorize the payment of Light-house dues at Port Macquarie Newcastle and Port Phillip in the Colony of New South Wales so soon as Light-houses are respectively established thereat Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof That subject to the regulations hereinafter contained the master or commander of every ship or vessel above the burthen of fifty tons which shall arrive or come within the Harbours of Port Macquarie

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or Newcastle shall pay into the hands of such officer as may be appointed by the Collector of Customs to receive the same the several dues set forth and specified in the Schedule to this Act annexed marked A.

2. Provided always and be it enacted That no such Light-house dues shall be payable in respect of any ship or vessel entering the said Harbours of Port Macquarie and Newcastle until Light-houses shall be duly established at the said places respectively and until notice thereof shall have been given by the Governor with the advice of the Executive Council at least one month previously in the *New South Wales Government Gazette* Provided also that it shall be lawful for the Governor with the advice of the said Executive Council to reduce the rates respectively mentioned in the said Schedule and to alter and vary the same from time to time as may be deemed necessary so that the said rates shall in no case exceed those stated in the said Schedule and that all such alterations shall in like manner before taking effect be published at least one month previously in the *New South Wales Government Gazette* at the expiration of which time the same shall be and continue thenceforth to be in full force and effect.

Dues not payable until Light-houses erected.

3. And be it enacted That all rates which previous to the passing of this Act may have been collected levied or received or become due as Light-house charges at Port Phillip under the Regulations framed for the Harbour of Port Phillip pursuant to the Act of the Governor and Council intituled "*An Act for the better preservation of the Ports Harbours Havens Roadsteads Channels Navigable Creeks and Rivers in New South Wales and the better regulation of Shipping in the same*" shall be and taken to be as valid and lawful as if the same had been imposed by the authority of the Legislature.

Legalizing dues heretofore collected at Port Phillip.

4. And be it enacted That all sums received under the provisions of this Act shall be paid over to the Colonial Treasurer to be accounted for in like manner as other public monies coming into his hands and shall be applied in the maintenance of the Light-houses erected or to be erected at the several places hereinbefore mentioned in such manner as shall from time to time be directed by any Act of the said Governor with the advice and consent of the said Legislative Council.

Appropriation of dues.

SCHEDULE REFERRED TO.

A.

Table of Light Dues payable by Masters of all Ships and Vessels above fifty tons entering the Harbours of Port Macquarie and Newcastle.

	£	s.	d.
On every ship or vessel above 50 and not exceeding 100 tons employed in the coasting trade from one port of New South Wales to another—the ton burthen	0	0	0 $\frac{1}{4}$
On every steam vessel—the ton burthen	0	0	0 $\frac{1}{4}$
On every ship or vessel above 100 tons and employed in the coasting trade from one port of New South Wales to another—the ton burthen	0	0	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
On every other ship or vessel—the ton burthen	0	0	2

** Coasting vessel in ballast not to be charged.