No. XXVI.

An Act to amend the Postage Acts. POSTAGE. 111thMarch, 1857.]

THEREAS it is expedient to amend the Postage Acts in the Preamble. particulars hereinafter provided for Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows:

1. One uniform rate of sixpence for every half ounce or fraction Ship letters to be of half an ounce shall be chargeable upon all letters and packets (not charged sixpence. being within any of the exceptions created by law) posted for transmission to parts beyond the Colony which said rate shall in every case be prepaid by stamps but no charge shall be made for delivery or for inland carriage of any letters received from parts beyond the Colony excepting on letters and packets arriving from abroad not duly posted upon which the above uniform rate of sixpence for every half ounce or fraction of half ounce shall be chargeable.

2. Packets of the following descriptions that is to say—Bankers' parcels &c. parcels containing notes orders or specie sent by or to any bank or placed on the same scale as letters or banker parcels containing patterns or samples of merchandise and packets sent by post. parcels containing deeds conveyances affidavits or letters of attorney shall be charged with the ordinary rates of postage payable on letters and packets sent by or received into any Post Office for transmission or delivery by the post anything contained in the eighth section of the Act of Council fifteenth Victoria number twelve to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

3. The powers given to the Governor and Executive Council by Regulation as to the first and second sections of the Act of Council eighteenth Victoria book parcels. number seventeen shall extend to book parcels and it shall be lawful for 4 G-vol. 4.

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for the Governor with the advice of the Executive Council to make such regulations in reference to the definition and transmission of such book parcels whether within the Colony or to and from parts beyond the Colony as the said Governor and Council shall deem most convenient anything in any former Act to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.