

No. , 1897.

A BILL

To amend the Customs Regulation Act, 1879.

BE it 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. The Colonial Treasurer shall, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, pay to each Commissioner of Customs a fee of three guineas for every attendance by such Commissioner at the meetings of the board. But where any one of the Commissioners is appointed by the Colonial Treasurer to be chairman of the board (which appointment he is hereby authorised to make), there shall be paid as aforesaid to the said chairman, in lieu of the fees above mentioned, the annual sum of one hundred pounds, and the said sum is hereby specially appropriated for that purpose.

Payment to chairman and other members of board of Commissioners of Customs.

2. If any Commissioner is, without the sanction of the Colonial Treasurer, absent for three months consecutively from the meetings of the board, he shall be deemed to have resigned his office as Commissioner: Provided that no absence shall be sanctioned by the Colonial Treasurer for a longer period than six months.

Absence of Commissioners from meetings of the board.

Any Commissioner may, by writing under his hand, addressed to the Governor, resign his office, in which case, or in the case of the death or removal from office of a Commissioner or his absence as aforesaid from the meetings of the board, the Governor may appoint a Commissioner in his place.

3. Section twenty-nine of the Customs Regulation Act, 1879, is hereby repealed.

Repeal.

4. This Act shall apply in respect of any Commissioner appointed after the day of the commencement of this Act and in respect of any Commissioner appointed before and holding office on the said day, notwithstanding that the term for which such Commissioner was appointed has not expired.

5. This Act shall be construed as one with the Customs Regulation Act, 1879, and may be cited as the "Customs (Commissioners) Act, 1897."

Incorporation and short title.