

No. , 1898.

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## A BILL

To extend the provisions of the Fire Brigades Act, 1884, to the harbour of Port Jackson, and to impose dues on vessels entering that harbour.

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**B**E 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. For the purposes of the Fire Brigades Act, 1884, the expression "Metropolitan District" where occurring in that Act shall include the harbour of Port Jackson. Fire Brigades Act extended to Port Jackson.

2. (1) For the purpose of defraying the expenses occasioned by the above extension of the provisions of the Fire Brigades Act, 1884, dues amounting to Dues imposed on vessels entering Port Jackson. per ton shall be payable on all vessels used in navigation and not propelled by oars entering the harbour of Port Jackson, and the said dues shall, when paid, be carried to the Consolidated Revenue Fund: Provided that such dues shall not be payable on any such vessel more than once within any six months.

(2) Such dues shall be paid to the Collector of Customs at the time of making entry of such vessel at the Custom-house; and no such vessel shall be deemed to be legally entered at the Custom-house until such payment has been made.

(3) For the purposes of this section the tonnage of vessels shall be the tonnage on which tonnage rates are payable under the Wharfage and Tonnage Rates Act of 1880 or any Act amending the same.

3. This Act may be cited as the "Port Jackson (Fire Dues) Act, 1898." Short title.