An Act to amend the Laws of the Customs in certain Particulars.

[Assented to, 24th December, 1858.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the laws of the Customs in the Province of South Australia in manner hereinafter provided—Be it therefore Enacted, by the Governor-in-Chief of the Province of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of the said Province, in this present Parliament assembled, as follows:

1. The Act No. 24, of 1854, intituled "An Act to amend the Laws of the Customs in South Australia," shall be amended as follows:

2. The coast of the said Province shall, for the purposes of all laws relating to the Customs, be taken to be the line of high-water mark.

3. The importer of any goods shall, in the case of coasting vessels having on board goods liable to duty, and in the case of steamers and intercolonial vessels, within twenty-four hours, and in the case of all other vessels, within four days after the arrival of the importing ship shall have been reported at the Custom House, exclusive of Sundays and holidays, make perfect entry of such goods, and in default of such entry it shall be lawful for the master or agent of the vessel to enter such goods and convey them to a bonded warehouse, and if the duties due upon such goods be not paid within three calendar months after such twenty-four hours and four days respectively shall have expired, or within such longer period as the Collector.
Collector of Customs shall in any case permit, together with all charges of removal and warehouse rent, the same shall be sold and the proceeds thereof shall be applied first to the payment of duties, next of freight and charges, and the overplus (if any) shall be paid to the proprietor of the goods or other person duly authorized to receive the same: Provided, that in the case of goods subject to the performance of quarantine, the date on which the same shall be released from quarantine shall, for the purposes of this clause, be taken to be the date of the arrival of the ship.

4. If any goods liable to the payment of duty shall receive damage during the voyage, from natural decay, or any other cause, an abatement of such duty shall be made on the same terms and conditions and to the same extent as if such goods had been sea-damaged: Provided that no such abatement shall be made if it is not claimed before the said goods are removed from the wharf.

5. It shall be lawful for the importer of any fresh meat, fish, fruit, or vegetables, to land the same at any time, although on a Sunday or holiday, or not within legal hours, in accordance with, and subject to, any regulations to be for that purpose, from time to time, made by the Collector of Customs.

6. This Act shall take effect from the passing thereof.