No. 51.

An Act to authorize the making of a Convention between South Australia and New South Wales with reference to Border Duties, and the continuance of the Conventions validated by “The Border Duties Act of 1873.”

[Assented to, 17th November, 1876.]

WHEREAS the period for which the conventions validated by “The Border Duties Act of 1873” were made has lately expired: And whereas it is desirable to authorize the making of a fresh convention in lieu thereof, and the continuance of the said convention until such fresh convention shall come into operation—Be it therefore Enacted by the Governor 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. It shall be lawful for any two Members of the Executive Council, acting for and on behalf of South Australia, to make and enter into a convention with any persons acting for and on behalf of New South Wales, for the purpose of enabling all or any goods, including live stock, to be imported from South Australia into New South Wales, and from New South Wales into South Australia, across their respective Borders or Boundaries, without the payment of any Customs duties or other charges.

2. It may be stipulated by such convention that during the continuance thereof a certain sum shall be paid by South Australia to New South Wales, and provision may be made for increasing or diminishing the said sum in any specified events.

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3. The said convention may contain such stipulations as the persons making the same shall deem desirable for effecting the purposes thereof, and in particular, if the persons making the same shall think fit, may contain provisions similar to those contained in the conventions validated by "The Border Duties Act, 1873," or regulating the like matters.

4. The said convention may be made for a period not exceeding three years from the date thereof, and there may be inserted in such convention any stipulations enabling either party to determine the convention before the expiration of the period for which the same shall be originally made.

5. The said convention may be altered or determined by the Governor, with the consent of any persons acting for and on behalf of New South Wales, but save as aforesaid, or as may be provided for by the said convention, the said convention shall not be liable to alteration or determination.

6. A copy of the said convention, and of every alteration thereof, shall be published in the Government Gazette; and the said convention, and all alterations thereof, shall have the force of law, and the operation of all laws and regulations in anywise repugnant thereto, so far as the same shall be repugnant thereto, shall be suspended, so long as the said convention, or any alteration thereof shall continue in force; and the Treasurer of the Province, during the continuance of the said convention, or any alteration thereof, shall pay such sums as may become payable pursuant thereto, in manner appointed thereby, and a copy of every convention made under the authority of this Act shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament, within fourteen days after the same shall have been entered into, if Parliament shall then be in Session, otherwise within fourteen days after the commencement of its next Session.

7. In the event of the determination of the said convention, before the expiration of the period for which the same shall be originally made, such determination shall be made known by Proclamation published in the Government Gazette.

8. Until the convention to be made pursuant to this Act shall come into operation, it shall be lawful for the Governor to make any arrangement with any person or persons acting for and on behalf of New South Wales for continuing the conventions validated by "The Border Duties Act of 1873," and every such arrangement, and all arrangements heretofore made for such purpose shall have the force of law; and the Treasurer shall pay all such sums as may have heretofore, or may hereafter become payable in pursuance of any such arrangement.

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9. The Governor may make orders for carrying this Act into effect.

10. This Act may be cited as "The Border Duties Act, 1876." Short title.

In the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, I hereby assent to this Bill.

A. MUSGRAVE, Governor.