No. 687.

An Act relating to the Landing of Cargo and to the Interpretation of "The Customs Act, 1864."

[Assented to, December 11th, 1897.]

Be it Enacted by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Parliament of South Australia, as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as "The Customs Act Amendment Act, 1897," and shall be incorporated with "The Customs Act, 1864" (hereinafter called the principal Act), and the Acts incorporated therewith.

2. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the principal Act, it shall be lawful for the Collector to grant permission to the owner, master, or agent of any ship previously to the report thereof or the entry of her cargo, or any part thereof, to discharge and land her cargo; but all cargo discharged under any such permission, whether dutiable or not, shall be placed by and at the expense of the owner, master, or agent of the ship (without prejudice to any right the owner, master, or agent may have by contract or otherwise to recover such expense from the respective owners, importers, or consignees of such goods) under the charge of the agent of the ship or of a wharfinger or a bonded store or bonded shed proprietor appointed by the owner, master, or agent of the ship, and approved of by the Collector; and no part of such cargo shall be delivered by the person so having charge thereof until due entry for the same shall have been passed and warrant granted by the Collector.

3. All
Goods to be deemed on board ship.

3. All goods landed under the preceding section shall, until entry be made and warrant granted for the removal of the same, be deemed to be still on board the importing ship, and all laws relating to Customs and the provisions of the principal Act shall apply to such goods in the same manner as though such goods were on board the importing ship.

Penalty for delivering goods without warrant.

4. If the agent of the ship, or wharfinger, or bonded store or bonded shed proprietor, having charge of any goods landed under section 2 hereof, shall deliver such goods, or any portion thereof, to any person, or shall suffer or permit the removal of such goods, or any portion thereof, from out of his custody or charge without the warrant or authority of the Collector, he shall forfeit treble the value of the goods or the sum of One Hundred Pounds, at the election of the Collector; and the goods shall be forfeited, together with any goods which shall be found packed with them.

Division the Twelfth of principal Act.

5. The provisions of Division the Twelfth of the principal Act are and have always been applicable to goods imported or brought into South Australia by land.

Interpretation.

6. "Bonded Store" or "Bonded Shed Proprietor" shall mean owners of premises annually licensed by the Treasurer to take charge of goods in pursuance to sections 2, 3, and 4 of this amending Act.

Suspending clause.

7. This Act shall come into operation from and after the publication of a Proclamation in the Government Gazette appointing a day for that purpose.

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

T. F. BUXTON, Governor.

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