47º VICTORIÆ, 1884.

A BILL

For imposing a Duty on Tobacco manufactured in New South Wales and for regulating the Manufacture of Tobacco in bond.

[MR. DIBBS;—6 March, 1884.]

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

1. This Act may be cited as the "Tobacco Act 1884" and shall Title and commence-be deemed to have come into operation on the twentieth day of Feb- ment of Act. 5 ruary one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four.

2. In the construction of this Act and any regulations there- Interpretation.

under unless the context be repugnant to such construction the terms 10 "manufacture" "manufacturing" or "manufactured" shall include the processes of cutting pressing grinding crushing or rubbing any raw or leaf tobacco or otherwise preparing raw or leaf tobacco or manufactured or partially manufactured tobacco and of putting up for use or consumption any scraps waste chippings stems or deposits

15 of tobacco resulting from any process of handling tobacco and the term "prescribed" means prescribed by this Act or any such regulations. 3

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Tobacco factories.

Grant of excise duty.

Fee.

Regulations and security.

Registration. Dealers in tobacco &c.

Seizure of tobacco &c. not duty paid.

Destruction of refuse

Flavoring.

Packages.

3. The Colonial Treasurer may appoint warehouses to be called tobacco factories wherein the manufacture of tobacco cigars or cigarettes from the leaf may be carried on and may also direct in what parts of such factories the respective processes of such manufacture shall be conducted and in what parts any leaf tobacco may be 5 stored for the purpose of manufacture or wherein manufactured tobacco cigars or cigarettes may be stored until exported or the duty due thereon shall be paid.

4. Upon tobacco manufactured in any tobacco factory licensed under this Act on entry for home consumption there shall be levied 10 and collected for the use of Her Majesty the excise duties following that is to say-

Upon tobacco manufactured or cut a duty of one shilling per pound.

Upon cigars and cigarettes a duty of two shillings and sixpence 15 per pound.

5. An annual fee not exceeding two hundred and fifty pounds payable quarterly in advance shall be paid by the proprietor or occupier of every licensed tobacco factory to the Collector of Customs at the port where such factory is situated and in other places to such officer as may 20 be appointed by the Colonial Treasurer to receive such fee.

6. The Governor with the advice of the Executive Council may make regulations as to the manner in which any licensed tobacco factory shall be secured by locks fastenings or otherwise and for the management or control of any such factory and the Collector of Customs shall require security by bond in the prescribed form and sum to be 25 executed by the proprietor or occupier thereof together with one sufficient surety to be approved by the said Collector for the security of the duty due on any tobacco cigars or cigarettes deposited in any such factory and for the due observance of this Act and of the regulations.

7. No person shall sell tobacco cigars or cigarettes unless he 30 shall previously have registered his name and place of business in the prescribed manner and shall have obtained a license in the form of the Schedule hereto from an officer duly appointed by the Colonial Treasurer and whose appointment shall have been notified in the Government Gazette The annual fee payable for such license shall be 35 five shillings And if any person shall sell tobacco cigars or cigarettes without having previously registered his name and place of business he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding one hundred pounds and no registration shall be considered complete until the license fee as aforesaid shall have been paid to a person authorized to receive the 40 same.

8. Any officer of Customs having a writ of assistance or any other person duly authorized in writing by the Colonial Treasurer may enter any land premises houses buildings or other place whether registered or licensed under this Act or not and search for any tobacco 45 cigars or cigarettes whether manufactured or not and seize and take away any such tobacco cigars or cigarettes upon which there has not been paid the duty lawfully chargeable thereon.

9. All stalks refuse clippings and waste accumulated in any 50 tobacco factory shall be destroyed in manner prescribed.

10. The Collector of Customs may by order permit goods liable to duty on importation and lodged in any bonded warehouse (not being leaves of trees or plants other than of the tobacco plant) to be removed to any licensed tobacco factory for the purpose of being used for 55 sweetening or flavoring tobacco.

11. No tobacco cigars or cigarettes shall be delivered from any licensed tobacco factory except in packages of the prescribed weight.

12. Tobacco cigars and cigarettes may be manufactured for Manufacture of export in bond without payment of duty on the imported leaf under tobacco &c. for the prescribed conditions and provisions.

13. From and after the commencement of this Act no tobacco Manufacture of 5 shall be manufactured in New South Wales otherwise than under the tobacco prohibited except under this provisions of this Act and any person who shall manufacture tobacco Act. contrary to the provisions of this Act shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding fifty pounds for every day on which he shall so manufacture the same and to forfeit all tobacco so manufactured by him.

14. In all proceedings taken against any person for any breach Onus of proof on 10 of the provisions of this Act or the Regulations thereunder the burden party charged. of proving that such person was exempt from any penalty shall be upon the defendant.

15. It shall be lawful for the Governor with the advice of the Regulations.

15 Executive Council to make regulations for carrying out the provisions of this Act and from time to time to rescind or alter the same and any person committing a breach of any such regulations or of any of the provisions of this Act for which no specific penalty is provided shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding one hundred pounds.

16. The provisions of all laws now or hereafter in force relating Incorporation of to the Customs shall be deemed to be incorporated with this Act and Customs laws. 20 shall be applied as far as the same can be applied in the collection and recovery of the duties enumerated in this Act.

SCHEDULE.

LICENSE TO SELL TOBACCO.

No. has this day registered his name and premises and paid WHEREAS of into my office the sum of shillings I do hereby license the said to sell on the said premises tobacco cigars or cigarettes for the year ending 188 subject 30 to the regulations now or which may hereafter be in force under the "Tobacco Act 188 1884.

FORM OF BOND.

of in the Colony of Know all men by these presents That we are jointly and each of us is severally held New South Wales and of

35 and firmly bound unto Her Majesty Her Heirs and Successors in the sum of pounds to be paid to Her Majesty Her Heirs and Successors for which payment to be well and truly made we bind ourselves jointly and each of us bindeth himself severally our and each our heirs executors and administrators and every of them firmly by these presents.

40 Sealed with our seals and dated this day of in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty

WHEREAS the above-bounden of a tobacco factory situated in street in whereas the Collector of Customs for the time being has required that this bond shall be

45 whereas the Collector of Customs for the time being has required that this bond shall be entered into and has approved of the above-bounden as sufficient surety and the above sum is the amount fixed by regulations duly made in pursuance of the said Act as the amount of the bond for the security of the duty due on any tobacco cigars or cigarettes which may be deposited in the said factory and for the due and faithful 50 observance of the terms conditions and requirements of the said Act and of the regulations now made or hereafter to be made thereunder. Now the condition of the above to be paid all new or cause to be paid all new or

obligation is such that if the said do and shall pay or cause to be paid all duties of excise due or to become due under the said Act on any tobacco cigars or cigarettes which may be deposited in the said tobacco factory and also do and shall well 55 truly and faithfully observe the terms conditions and requirements of the said Act and

of the regulations now made or hereafter to be made then this obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed sealed and delivered by the said ?

in the presence of

60 Signed sealed and delivered by the said χ in the presence of

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