

“*The Australian Colonies Duties Act, 1873.*”

AN ACT to amend the Law with respect to Customs Duties in the Australian Colonies. [26th May, 1873.]

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2. In this Act, the term “Australian Colonies” shall mean the Colonies of New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Queensland, Western Australia, and Tasmania : Interpretation clause.

The term “country” shall mean any country or place except Australian Colonies and the Colony of New Zealand.

3. The Legislature of any one of the Australian Colonies shall, for the purpose of carrying into effect any agreement between any two or more of the said colonies, or between any one or more of the said colonies and New Zealand, have full power from time to time to make laws with respect to the remission or imposition of duties upon the importation into such colony of any article the produce or manufacture of or imported from any other of the said colonies, or the produce or manufacture of or imported from New Zealand. Power to colonial Legislatures to regulate duties.

Provided always that for the purpose aforesaid no new duty shall be imposed upon, and no existing duty shall be remitted as to, the importation into any of the Australian Colonies of any article, the produce or manufacture of any particular country, which shall not be equally imposed upon, or remitted as to, the importation into such colony of the like article the produce or manufacture of any other country : Provided, further, that no duties shall be levied upon articles imported into any of the Australian Colonies for the supply of Her Majesty’s land or sea forces, nor shall any duty be levied or remitted contrary to or at variance with any treaty or treaties for the time being subsisting between Her Majesty and any foreign Power.