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By His Excellency's Command,  
C. W. RICHMOND, Colonial Secretary.

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Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Auckland, 11th August, 1856.

IN pursuance of the provisions of the New Zealand Constitution Act, His Excellency the Governor directs the publication of the following Act of the General Assembly for public information.

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C. W. RICHMOND,  
Colonial Secretary.

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## CUSTOMS DUTIES' ACT 1856

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IN THE TWENTIETH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF HER MAJESTY  
QUEEN VICTORIA

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SESSION 4 No 25

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Title

## AN ACT to alter the Duties of Customs

(Assented to 11th August, 1856.)

Preamble

**W**HEREAS it is expedient to alter the Duties of Customs payable on the importation of Goods Wares and Merchandize into the Colony of New Zealand

Be it therefore enacted by the General Assembly of New Zealand as follows

Duties chargeable on goods specified to cease from 5th of August 1856

1 Any Duties of Customs chargeable upon the goods wares and merchandize next hereafter mentioned imported into the Colony of New Zealand shall cease and determine from and after the fifth day of August 1856 viz—

- 1 All articles for the supply of Her Majesty's land and sea forces
- 2 Animals living
- 3 Bricks Slates and Stones for building purposes and Mill Stones
- 4 Boats
- 5 Books printed not being account books
- 6 Bottles full of an article subject to duty
- 7 Bullion and Coin
- 8 Casks empty
- 9 Coal
- 10 Corn Grain Meal Flour Bread and Biscuit
- 11 Gunpowder fit only for blasting purposes
- 12 Iron Pig
- 13 Machinery viz Brick and Tile Making Draining Flax Hay and Wool Pressing Straw and Turnip Cutting Reaping Thrashing and Wincrowing Machines Steam Engines and Apparatus for ditto and Machinery for Mills including Hand Flour Mills
- 14 Manure
- 15 Oil Blubber and Bone being the produce of fish or marine animals
- 16 Plants Bulbs Trees and Seeds
- 17 Passenger's personal Baggage
- 18 Ploughs and Harrows
- 19 Specimens Illustrative of Natural History
- 20 Tobacco for sheep wash subject to its being rendered unfit for human consumption and to such regulations as the Governor shall from time to time prescribe in that behalf

Duties chargeable on goods specified to cease and other duties to be charged

2 The Duties of Customs now chargeable on the importation of goods wares and merchandize next hereafter specified shall cease and determine and in lieu thereof the following duties shall be charged on all such goods wares and merchandize imported into the Colony of New Zealand or cleared from any warehouse for home consumption from and after the 5th day of August 1856 viz—

	£	s.	d.
1 Ale Beer Cider and Perry in wood the gallon ..	0	0	6
Ale Beer Cider and Perry in bottle the gallon ..	0	1	0
2 Cigars and Snuff the lb ..	0	3	0
3 Coffee Chicory Cocoa and Chocolate the lb ..	0	0	2
4 Iron rod bar bolt hoop and sheet not otherwise manufactured per cwt. . . . .	0	1	0
5 Salt per cwt .. .. .	0	1	0
6 Spirits and Strong Waters of every kind sweetened or otherwise of any strength not exceeding the strength of proof by Syke's hydrometer and so on in proportion for any greater strength than the strength of proof the gallon .. ..	0	8	0
7 Sugar raw and refined of all kinds and Treacle and Molasses the lb .. .. .	0	0	½
8 Tea the lb .. .. .	0	0	3
9 Tobacco the lb .. .. .	0	1	3

10	Wine in wood and bottle containing less than 25 per cent of alcohol of a specific gravity of .825 at the temperature of 60 degrees Fahrenheit's thermometer the gallon .. .. .	0	3	0
11	Wood—of all kinds not manufactured into furniture the cubic foot .. .. .	0	0	2
12	Boots and Shoes Hats Apparel of all kinds and all material for making apparel Jewellery Cutlery Clocks Watches and Plated Ware and all Silk Woollen Cotton and Linen Manufactures (except corn and gunny bags and woolpacks) Sperm Stearine and Wax Candles (measuring outside the packages) the cubic foot .. .. .	0	3	0
13	All other Goods Wares and Merchandize (measuring outside the packages) the cubic foot .. .. .	0	1	0
	Or at the option of the principal Officer of Customs at the port of entry at which the same shall be imported the cwt .. .. .	0	2	0

3 A drawback of the whole of such duties shall be allowed for Wines intended for the consumption of the Officers of Her Majesty's troops serving in the Colony of New Zealand and of the Officers of Her Majesty's Navy serving on board any of Her Majesty's ships in the seas adjoining thereto or such Wines may be landed on first importation or delivered out of bond free of duty subject in all cases to such regulations as the Governor shall from time to time prescribe Provided always if any such Wines shall be subsequently sold in the said Colony except for the use or consumption of any of Her Majesty's military or Naval Officers serving as aforesaid the same shall be forfeited and liable to seizure accordingly

Remission of duties on wines for the consumption of military and naval officers

4 All duties of Customs under this Act shall be charged and paid according to the Standard Imperial Weights and Measures and where such duties are charged according to any specified quantity weight or size the same shall be chargeable in proportion on any greater or less quantity weight or size

Duties to be charged according to standard Imperial weights and measures

5 The Duties of Customs imposed by this Act shall be raised levied collected and paid in like manner as if the said duties had been imposed by the Ordinance Session 1 No 3 to provide for the collection of duties imposed on goods imported into and for the general regulation of the Revenue of Customs in the Colony of New Zealand and its dependencies and subject also to all such provisions and regulations as may for the time being be in force under or by virtue of any local Act or Ordinance for the collection and for the general regulation of the Revenue of Customs in the Colony of New Zealand

How to be levied and paid

6 And whereas contracts or agreements may have been made for the sale or delivery of some of the goods or commodities on which increased or additional duties of customs are by this Act imposed which contracts or agreements may have been made with no reference to such additional duties and thereby the several contractors may be materially affected For Remedy thereof be it enacted that every person who shall have made or entered into any such contract or agreement shall be and is hereby authorised and empowered in the case of any such contract or agreement to add so much money as will be equivalent to the increased or additional duty hereby granted on any such goods or commodities respectively to the price thereof and shall be entitled by virtue of this Act to be paid and to sue for and recover the same accordingly

Additional duties may be added to prices agreed on in existing contracts

7 The term "Governor" shall mean the person for the time being lawfully administering the Government of the Colony of New Zealand

Interpretation of term "Governor"

8 This Act may be cited for all purposes as "The Customs Duties Act 1856"

Short title

Examined and certified

JAS. JNO. PIERCY

Clerk of the Legislative Council

F. E. CAMPBELL

Clerk of the House of Representatives

In the name of Her Majesty I assent to this Act

THOMAS GORE BROWNE

Governor

Auckland August 11th 1856