

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

ANNO QUINQUAGESIMO

VICTORIÆ REGINÆ

No. 12

An Act to impose a Duty upon the Importation of Opium.

[Assented to 28th July, 1886.]

*Now see 57 Vic.,  
No. 11, Schedule 1,  
which virtually  
repeals secs. 1  
and 3  
Duty on Opium*

**B**E it enacted by His Excellency the Governor of Western Australia and its Dependencies, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

1. On and after the passing of this Act, except as hereinafter mentioned, there shall be charged, raised, collected, levied, and paid upon opium, and all goods, wares, and merchandise mixed or saturated with opium or with any preparation or solution thereof, or steeped therein respectively, imported into Western Australia, whether by land or by sea, in lieu of any duty now imposed thereon, a specific duty of Twenty shillings per lb.

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*The Opium Duty Act, 1886*

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2. The said duty of Twenty shillings per lb. shall not be chargeable in respect of opium or any goods, wares, and merchandise as aforesaid intended to be used as medicine only; but in such case the duty mentioned in the Fourth Schedule of 'The Tariff Act, 1882,' shall be paid; and the collector or any principal officer of Customs or person acting for either of them shall require from any person claiming to pay such lesser duty such evidence, by statutory declaration, as the collector, principal officer of Customs, or person acting as aforesaid (as the case may be) shall see fit, which declaration he is hereby empowered and authorised to administer.

No duty chargeable on Opium to be used as medicine only

3. The said duty of Twenty shillings per lb. shall be collected and levied in the manner provided by and subject and according to the provisions of any Ordinance, Act, or law for the time being in force for the general regulation of the Customs of the Colony.

Collection of duty

4. This Act may be cited for all purposes as 'The Opium Duty Act, 1886.'

Short title

F. NAPIER BROOME,  
GOVERNOR.

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