



Western Australia.

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VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

No. XIII.

AN ACT to amend the Customs Consolidation Act, 1892.

[Assented to, 9th October, 1899.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of Western Australia, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. THIS Act may be cited as the Customs Consolidation Act Amendment Act, 1899.

Short title.

2. PART XVI. of the Customs Consolidation Act, 1892, is hereby amended by adding thereto the three following sections, bearing the numbers set against them respectively, to wit:—

Amendments to Part XVI. of 55 Vict., No. 31.

244a. THE Minister may appoint and declare in what ports or places persons acting as agents in the entry or clearance of ships, or of any goods or baggage, or in any business relating thereto, shall be required to be duly licensed for that purpose, and may from time to time revoke such appointments and declarations, and make others in lieu

Appointment of ports at which Customs agents may be licensed.

Victorian Customs Act, 1890, part of section 28.

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thereof, as he may see fit, and every such appointment and declaration shall be published in the *Government Gazette*, the production of a copy whereof containing such publication shall be evidence of the appointment and declaration.

Minister may grant
licenses to agents.

244b. (1.) THE Minister may grant licenses in such form and manner and to such persons as he may think fit to act as agents for transacting business relating to the entry or clearance of any ship, or of any goods, or of any baggage in any of the ports or places in respect of which appointments as aforesaid shall be made, and an annual fee of One pound shall be paid into the Treasury for each license.

And may require
bond.

(2.) The Minister, on granting such licenses, shall require a bond to be given by every licensee with one sufficient surety in a sum not exceeding Two hundred and fifty pounds conditioned for the faithful and incorrupt conduct of the licensee and his clerks, both as regards the Customs and his employers.

And may revoke for
fraud or misconduct.

(3.) In the case of fraud or misconduct on the part of any licensee, the Minister may, by an order, revoke the license so granted, and a copy of such order, stating the cause of such revocation, shall be served on the licensee; but the licensee shall be entitled to have an inquiry held in manner provided by Sections Twenty-four and Twenty-five of this Act for an investigation and reconsideration of the case, and, if such inquiry is not applied for within twenty-one days after service of the copy of the order, or if such order is confirmed after inquiry, the license shall be void. In the meantime the licensee or his clerks cannot act as agents.

Licensee may appoint
a clerk for Customs
business.

244c. ANY licensee, or any licensees in co-partnership, may, with the approval of the Minister, appoint clerks or servants to transact the business of agency on his or their behalf, and the name, residence, and date of appointment of any such clerk or servant shall thereupon be indorsed on the license, and shall be signed by the licensee or licensees in the presence of and attested by the collector or sub-collector at the port for which such license is granted, and all such appointments shall be recorded in a register to be kept at the Custom House for that purpose, and no person shall act as any such clerk or servant unless he has been so appointed and his name so indorsed and recorded, or act for or on behalf of any other than the person or persons so appointing him, and the Minister may at any time, by an order, revoke any such appointment.

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3. ANY person feeling aggrieved by any order or conviction made by any Justice of the Peace under the Customs Consolidation Act, 1892, may appeal against such order or conviction under the provisions of the Police Act, 1892, or the law for the time being regulating appeals against orders or convictions made by Justices in Petty Sessions assembled. Right of appeal.

In the name and on behalf of the Queen I hereby assent
to this Act.

GERARD SMITH, Governor.