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PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency, JAMES DOUGLAS, Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Her Majesty's Colony of British Columbia.

WHEREAS, by virtue of an Act of Parliament, made and passed in the 21st and 22nd years of the Reign of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and by a Commission under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in conformity therewith I, James Douglas, Governor of the Colony of British Columbia, have been authorized by Proclamation issued under the Public Seal of the said Colony, to make laws, institutions, and ordinances, for the peace, order, and good government of the same:

And Whereas, it is expedient to raise further revenue for the purpose of opening and improving the communications, navigation, and roads in British Columbia:

Now, therefore, I do hereby declare, proclaim and enact as follows:

That the following monies and tolls shall be levied on all wares, goods, and merchandise, carried in British Columbia from the 1st of January, 1860:—

Twelve shillings for every ton of wares, goods, and merchandise transported or taken from New Westminster to any place in British Columbia.

The said twelve shillings per ton shall be paid by the person proposing to take away or transport any wares, goods, or merchandise aforesaid to Her Majesty's Collector of Customs at New Westminster, before taking away or transporting any such wares, goods, or merchandise from New Westminster aforesaid.

The ton aforesaid shall be calculated where the wares, goods, and merchandise are of a character generally estimated by admeasurement, and in all other cases by weight.

Whenever any wares, goods, or merchandise shall be proposed to be carried or transported from New Westminster aforesaid, by any common carrier, either by land or water, whether on his own account or on account of any other person, the tolls and monies aforesaid shall be levied on and payable by the common carrier aforesaid.

Any person wilfully evading or attempting to evade the payment of the same, shall be fined treble the amount of toll, or any sum not exceeding £100, at the discretion of the magistrate.

Any penalty under this Act may be recovered and enforced before any Magistrate in British Columbia in a summary way.

Issued under the Public Seal of the said Colony, at Victoria, Vancouver Island, this tenth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine, in the twenty-third year of Her Majesty's Reign, by me,

JAMES DOUGLAS, [L.S.]

By Command of His Excellency,

WILLIAM A. G. YOUNG,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.