BRITISH COLUMBIA.

PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency JAMES DOUGLAS, Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of British Columbia and its Dependencies, Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c.

WHEREAS, under and by virtue of an Act of Parliament, made and passed in the session of Parliament held in the 21st and 22nd years of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, entitled an Act to provide for the "Government of British Columbia," and by a Commission under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, I, JAMES DOUGLAS, have been appointed Governor of the said Colony, to make laws, institutions, and ordinances, for the peace, order and good government of the same, and

WHEREAS the Port of New Westminster is the only Port of Entry for goods in British Columbia—

And whereas many persons have imported goods into British Columbia across the southern boundary thereof, contrary to law—

And whereas it is expedient that all persons importing goods into British Columbia across the said boundary should be notified that such importation is contrary to law, and can be permitted only pending the completion of the communications in British Columbia,

And whereas the collection of the Customs duties is rendered very expensive by the importation of goods across the southern boundary aforesaid, and it is expedient to impose a fine on such importation, to meet the additional costs of collection,

Now these are to give notice,

1. That no goods, wares, animals, or merchandize shall be imported into British Columbia which shall not have been entered at New Westminster aforesaid, unless the duties, tolls, and fines hereinafter specified shall have been first paid to some duly qualified officer of customs, and such officer shall have first granted to the importer a permit on behalf of such goods.

2. The duties and tolls aforesaid shall be as follows:

A. The duties at present imposed by virtue of the Proclamation of the second day of June one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine, and the twentieth day of August one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

B. For every fifty pounds weight avoirdupois of such goods, wares, or merchandize (and so in proportion for a greater or less quantity than fifty pounds weight of goods,) one shilling; miners' packs, carried by the owners and not exceeding thirty pounds weight avoirdupois, for each man's load, being exempt from such duty aforesaid.

C. For every ton of such goods, wares, or merchandize, twelve shillings.

3 In addition to the aforesaid duties and tolls, a fine equivalent to three per cent. on the market value of such goods, wares, animals, or merchandize shall be paid to such officer of Customs—such market value to be calculated upon the market value of the goods, wares, animals, or merchandize, at the place of collection.

4. Any person wilfully evading, or attempting to evade the payment of any of the duties,

tolls, or fines, aforesaid, shall be fined treble the amount of the duties, tolls, or fines, or any sum not exceeding one hundred Pounds, at the discretion of the Magistrate.

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

6. This Proclamation may be cited as the "Southern Boundary Act, 1860."

Issued under the Public Seal of the said Colony, at Victoria, Vancouver Island, this twenty second day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty, and in the twenty-fourth year of Her Majesty's reign, by me,

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JAMES DOUGLAS.

By His Excellency's command.

WILLIAM A. G. YOUNG,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.