# BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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# PROCLAMATION.

**By His Excellency, JAMES DOUGLAS, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of British Columbia, having the force of Law, to authorize the levying of Customs Duties upon Goods imported into British Columbia.**

WHEREAS, it is expedient to provide ways and means to enable Her Majesty to defray the Public Expenses of the Colony of British Columbia, and in aid thereof to authorize the levying of Duties of Customs on Goods imported into the said Colony, and its dependencies; And whereas, by a Commission under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, which has been duly proclaimed and published, I, the Governor of British Columbia, have been authorized, by Proclamation under the Public Seal of the Colony, to make laws, institutions, and ordinances for the peace, order, and good overnment of the same:

Now, therefore, I JAMES DOUGLAS, Governor of the said Colony, do proclaim, ordain, and enact for Law as follows, to wit:

SECTION 1.—All Goods, Wares, and Merchandise not otherwise hereinafter mentioned, imported into British Columbia, or any of its dependencies, shall be chargeable with a Duty of Ten Pounds per centum on the amount of the value thereof at the Port of Entry.

SEC. 2.—There shall be charged on the articles next hereinafter mentioned, the following Duties of Customs:

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| Flour, in Barrels or Sacks, 196 lbs | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Bacon, per 100 lbs | 0 | 4 | 2 |
| Spirits, and Strong waters of all kinds, sweetened or otherwise, for every Imperial gallon of full strength of proof, or less than proof by Sykes' hydrometer, and in proportion for any greater strength than the strength of proof, and for any greater or less quantity than a gallon | 0 | 4 | 2 |
| Wines, in wood or bottle, per Imperial gallon | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Ale, Spruce, and other Beer, Porter, Cider, and Perry, in wood or bottle, per Imperial gallon | 0 | 0 | 6¼ |
| Beans, Peas, and Pulse of all discriptions used for food, per 100 lbs | 0 | 0 | 6¼ |
| Barley, Oats, and all other grain to be used for food, per 200 lbs | 0 | 0 | 6¼ |

SEC. 3.—The following articles will be entered free of all Duties, to wit:

Coin, Quicksilver, Fresh Meat, Fish, Fruit, Vegetables, Sawed Timber and Shingles, Fuel, Hay and Straw, Wheat, Potatoes, Poultry, Live Stock of all kinds, Machinery for Agricultural purposes, Seeds, Bulbs and Roots of Plants and Shrubs, Salt, Printed and Manuscript Books and Papers, Passengers' Baggage, Apparel, and Professional Apparatus, all articles imported for the Public Service, and uses of the Colony of British Columbia, or for the use of Her Majesty's land or sea forces stationed therein, or for the use of any person holding any command or appointment in Her Majesty's forces aforesaid.

SEC. 4.—The Bill of Entry, and the declaration of the Importer, shall be according to the form prescribed for the entry of dutiable Goods by the Act of the Imperial Parliament passed in the 16th and 17th year of Queen Victoria, entitled the "Customs Consolidation Act, 1853."

SEC. 5.—All evasions and offences committed by any person or persons, to defeat the payment of the duties hereby made payable on all goods imported into British Columbia, will be prosecuted and punished in the manner prescribed by the said "Customs Consolidation Act, 1853."

SEC. 6.—And whereas, the Port of Victoria in Vancouver's Island, in which Port is included the harbor of Esquimalt, is a Free Port, and vessels entering or leaving the same, or goods landed thereat, are subject to no Tolls, Duties, payments or extractions whatever (except such as are specified in the schedule hereto appended;) And whereas, there is at present no Officer in British Columbia empowered to levy the Duties aforesaid, nor any station in the said Colony at which the said Duties can conveniently be levied, or at which any such Officer can conveniently be posted, I do further Proclaim, Declare, and Enact, that for the present, and until further provisions be made for the collection of the same Duties, the said Port of Victoria, Vancouver's Island, shall be the Port of Entry for all goods imported into British Columbia, and its dependencies, or any part thereof; and the Duties hereby made payable on goods imported into British Columbia and its dependencies, shall be under the management of the Collector of Her Majesty's Customs at Victoria, and shall be ascertained, raised, levied, collected, paid, and recovered at Victoria aforesaid, according to the provisions of the law now in force, or hereafter to be made, relating to the Customs.

SEC. 7.—This Proclamation shall take effect, and the Duties hereby enacted and imposed shall be payable on all goods imported, or attempted to be imported, into British Columbia after the day of the date hereof.

SEC. 8.—This Proclamation shall continue in force for six calendar months from the date hereof, unless the same shall, before the expiration of the said period of six calendar months, be modified or repealed by lawful authority; and shall not continue in force beyond such six calendar months, unless the same shall, in the meantime, by Proclamation or other lawful authority, be extended or prolonged.

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

(Signed) JAMES DOUGLAS, [L. S.]
Governor.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.