

No. XXV.

An Act for adopting certain Standard Weights and Measures. [24th September, 1849.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS by an Act of the Governor and Legislative Council of New South Wales passed in the third year of the reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth intituled "An Act for establishing Standard Weights and Measures and for preventing the use of such as are false and deficient" it was amongst other things enacted that certain Weights and Measures of the Standard in force and in use in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland denominated Imperial Weights and Measures which then were and now are deposited in the Colonial Treasury in Sydney should be the Standard Weights and Measures of New South Wales And whereas several sets of Standard Weights and Measures duly verified and stamped at the Exchequer at Westminster have recently arrived in this Colony from the proper authorities in England (of each set of which a Schedule marked with the letter A is hereunto annexed) And whereas it is expedient that such last mentioned Weights and Measures should be the Standard Weights and Measures of New South Wales in lieu of the Weights and Measures now deposited in the Colonial Treasury in Sydney as aforesaid Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof That one set of the Weights and Measures so verified and stamped at the Exchequer at Westminster

Weights and Measures.

Westminster shall forthwith be deposited in the Colonial Treasury in the City of Sydney and another set thereof in the Colonial Treasury in the City of Melbourne to be safely kept in the said Colonial Treasuries respectively and that from and after the first day of January next the said sets of Weights and Measures shall be and they are hereby declared to be the Standard Weights and Measures of New South Wales in lieu of the Weights and Measures now deposited in the Treasury in Sydney under the provisions of the said recited Act.

2. And be it enacted That each and every of the regulations enactments and provisions made and contained in the said recited Act with reference to the Standard Weights and Measures in such Act mentioned shall from and after the first day of January next be in full force and effect with reference to the said Standard Weights and Measures last received from the Exchequer at Westminster as aforesaid and described in the Schedule to this Act annexed and shall be taken and held to apply to the same Provided always that it shall not be requisite that any Weights or Measures which shall have been already duly verified and stamped at the Exchequer at Westminster or shall have been verified and stamped under the provisions of the said recited Act shall be verified before His Excellency the Governor and approved of by him according to the provisions of the said recited Act but the same shall be and be deemed to be Weights and Measures respectively of the Standards hereby adopted.

3. And whereas doubts are entertained as to whether the provisions of the said recited Act are applicable to persons selling wholesale by weight or measure any wares provisions goods or merchandize and to the balances weights and measures of such persons Be it therefore declared and enacted That all and singular the provisions in the said recited Act and in this Act contained shall be applicable and shall be applied to every person or persons who shall sell or expose to sale by weight or measure whether wholesale or retail any wares provisions goods or merchandize or any liquid or dry goods or other articles whatsoever and to the shop house mill store out-house stall or standing places of every such person or persons and to all balances and all weights and measures of length and capacity found therein.

4. Provided always and be it enacted That nothing in this Act or in the said recited Act contained shall be deemed or taken to extend or apply to the sale of medicines or precious metals or precious stones or to the weights or measures *bond fide* used for the sale thereof and for no other purpose.

SCHEDULE REFERRED TO.

A.

List of a set of Standard Weights and Measures duly verified and stamped at the Exchequer at Westminster and which have recently arrived in this Colony from England.

A set of measures made of hard gun metal with strong handles rising from the bottom being models and copies of the Exchequer Standards consisting of the imperial standard bushel half bushel peck gallon half gallon quart pint half pint gill and half gill.

A set of fine brass spherical weights, being also models and copies of the Exchequer Standards consisting of 56 28 14 7 4 2 and 1 avoirdupois pounds 8 4 2 and 1 avoirdupois ounces 8 4 2 and 1 drachms and 1 half drachm.

One Imperial Standard yard bed and rod.

One 3 feet scale containing the yard foot and inch.

One set consisting of 10 flat glasses for correctly filling the measures.

On each of the measures its designation and the name of the Colony is engraved.

On each of the weights the same is impressed.