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## GOLD DUTY REDUCTION.

### ANALYSIS.

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### A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to reduce the Export Duty on Gold.

Title.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

5     1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Gold Duty Reduction Act, 1888." Short Title.

10     2. On and after the passing of this Act the duty levied upon gold previous to exportation thereof from the colony under "The Customs Duties Consolidation Act, 1882," shall be reduced at the rate of sixpence for every ounce weight of such gold, as mentioned in the said Act, and thereafter the duty shall be one shilling and sixpence per ounce weight of gold. Reduction in gold duty of sixpence.

15     3. This Act shall not apply to the North Island, unless the following conditions are first complied with:— Provisions not to apply to North Island except in certain cases.

15     (1.) That a petition in favour thereof is presented to the Governor from not less than one-half of the holders of mining rights residing and mining in any mining district in the said Island, praying the Governor to bring this Act into operation within such mining district:

20     (2.) That public notice shall be advertised in some newspaper circulating in the mining district proposed to be proclaimed once at least in each of four weeks immediately preceding the presentation of any petition, signed by a Resident Magistrate, stating that a petition duly signed as aforesaid is to be presented:

25     (3.) That the Councils of counties and boroughs receiving the revenues derived from the duties upon gold in any such mining district from which a petition is presented pass resolutions and forward the same to the Governor, praying that this Act may be brought into force.

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Board to have powers of local body for levying rate.

5. For the purpose of making, levying, and recovering the herein-abovementioned rates, the Board shall have and may exercise all the powers of making, levying, or recovering rates in each town district and in each riding or part of riding within the said harbour rating district which any local body having rating-powers within such town district or riding has or may have under the law for the time being in force regulating the recovery of rates therein respectively. 5

No rate to be quashed.

6. No rate made under this Act shall be capable of being set aside or of being quashed by any proceeding of any Court or otherwise, and no defect in the same shall be set up as a defence to any action which may be brought to recover the same. 10

Schedule.

### SCHEDULE.

1. ALL that parcel of land containing by admeasurement 6 acres 2 roods 20 perches, more or less, being known as the Pilot Reserve, situate on the south-west side of the entrance to the Wairoa River, in the County of Wairoa and Clyde Survey District. Bounded towards the north by a public road, 170 links, 206 links, and 35 links; towards the east by the Tawhara Stream; towards the south-east by the Wairoa River and by the sea; towards the south by a line bearing  $280^{\circ} 56'$  (true), about 300 links; towards the west by a public road,  $580\frac{1}{2}$  links and 489 links; and again towards the north and west by a reserve for Toha (Native chief of the Wairoa), 367 links and 534 links respectively: be all the aforesaid linkages more or less.

2. All that parcel or strip of land situate in the County of Wairoa and Clyde Survey District, being the foreshore, on the south side, of the Wairoa River adjoining the Clyde Town District, extending from the bend of the river known as Lockwood's Point (the north-west extremity of the Clyde Town District) to the entrance of the said river, and comprising all the land between low-water mark, spring-tides, and the river-side edge of the roads in the Clyde Town District aforesaid known as Marine Parade and Kopu Road respectively, allowing one chain and one-half a chain as the width of the said roads from end to end. Also the foreshore outside the entrance of the said Wairoa River for one mile and one-half a mile on each side of the Western Bluff at the said entrance.