### CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT.

#### No. 13 of 1908.

An Act to amend the Customs Tariff 1908.

[Assented to 10th June, 1908.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows:—

- 1. This Act may be cited as the Customs Tariff Amendment Short title. 1908.
- 2. This Act shall be deemed to have come into operation at the same time as the *Customs Tariff* 1908 is deemed to have come into operation.

Commencement of Act.

3. Section six of the Customs Tariff 1908 is amended by inserting after sub-section (1) the following sub-section:—

Additional subsection as regards British Preference.

- "(1A.) Where in the said column no rate of duty is set out and the goods are not expressly declared to be free, the rate of duty on the said goods shall be that set out in Schedule A in the column headed 'General Tariff.'"
- 4. Section nine of the Customs Tariff 1908 is amended by adding thereto the following provisoes:—

Additional provisoes as regards South African

- "Provided that no higher duty shall be payable under that Preference. Act on any goods than the duty under the General Tariff in this Act:
- "Provided further that no duty shall be payable under that Act on any goods which under the General Tariff in this Act are free of or exempt from duty."

# EXCISE TARIFF (STARCH).

### No. 14 of 1908.

An Act to amend the Excise Tariff 1908.

[Assented to 10th June, 1908.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Excise Tariff (Starch) 1908.

Short title.

Duty on starch made from imported rice delivered free. 2. In lieu of the Duty of Excise imposed on starch by the Excise Tariff 1908 there shall, as from the commencement of this Act, be imposed on starch the following Duty of Excise—

Starch, made from imported rice delivered free for use in the manufacture of starch ... per lb. 1d. which duty shall be charged, collected, and paid to the use of the King for the purposes of the Commonwealth.

## SURPLUS REVENUE.

#### No. 15 of 1908.

An Act relating to the payment to the several States of the Surplus Revenue of the Commonwealth.

[Assented to 10th June, 1908.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows:—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Surplus Revenue Act 1908.

Commencement. 2. This Act shall commence on a day to be fixed by proclamation.\*

Expiry of the provisions of section 93 of the Constitution.

3. The provision made by section ninety-three of the Constitution in relation to the crediting of revenue, the debiting of expenditure, and the payment of balances to the several States, shall continue until the commencement of this Act and no longer.

Provisions in lieu of expired provisions.

- 4.—(1.) The Commonwealth shall credit to each State—
  - (a) the revenue (other than new revenue) collected therein by the Commonwealth; and
  - (b) the proportion of the State, according to the number of its people, in the new revenue of the Commonwealth.
- (2.) The Commonwealth shall debit to each State-
  - (a) the expenditure of the Commonwealth incurred solely for the maintenance or continuance, as at the time of transfer, of any Department transferred from the State to the Commonwealth; and

(b) the proportion of the State, according to the number of its people, in the other expenditure of the Commonwealth.

<sup>\*</sup> Proclaimed to commence 13th June, 1908. See Gazette, 13th June, 1908, p. 973.