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PART VI.

BILLS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

The following Bill was introduced into the Council of the Governor General of India for the purpose of making Laws and Regulations on the 27th January 1888, and was referred to a Select Committee on the 3rd February 1888:—

No. 1 of 1888.

A Bill to provide for the levy of a Customs-duty on Petroleum.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the levy of a customs-duty on petroleum; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. To the second schedule to the Indian Tariff Act, 1882, the following shall be added, namely:—

XI of 1882.

No.	Names of Articles.	Per	Tariff valuation.	Rate of Duty.
5	Petroleum, including also the liquids commonly known by the names of rock-oil, Kangoon oil, Burma oil, kerosine, paraffine oil, mineral oil, petroline, gasoline, benzol, benzoline, benzine, and any inflammable liquid which is made from petroleum, coal, schist, shale, peat or any other bituminous substance or from any products of petroleum ...	...	Ad valorem ...	5 per cent.

And whereas the provisos to section 37 of the Sea Customs Act, 1878, do not apply to goods VIII of 1878. to which a rate of duty is not already applicable; It is further enacted as follows:—

2. The rate of duty applicable to petroleum of which the bill-of-entry is delivered, within the meaning of section 37 of the Sea Customs Act, 1878, to the Customs-collector under section 86 of that Act after the passing of this Act shall be the rate of duty specified in the second schedule to the Indian Tariff Act, 1882, as amended by this Act. XI of 1882.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS.

THE object of this Bill is to impose an *ad valorem* customs-duty of five per centum on petroleum, of which thirty-two millions of gallons, of the value of over one hundred and twenty-five lakhs of rupees, were imported into British India during the year 1886-87.

J. WESTLAND.

The 27th January 1888.

S. HARVEY JAMES,
Secretary to the Government of India.