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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 13th July 1887:

No. 9 of 1887.

A Bill to provide for the establishment of bonded warehouses at places other than customs-ports.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the establishment of bonded warehouses at places other than custom-ports; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

Title, construction and commencement.

1. (1) This Act may be called the Inland Bonded Warehouses Act, 1887.

(2) It shall be read with, and taken as part of, the Sea Customs Act, 1878: and

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. (1) Notwithstanding anything in the Sea Customs Act, 1878, the Chief Customs-authority may from time to time, with the previous sanction of the Local Government, appoint a public or license a private warehouse at any place which is not a warehousing port, and may with the like sanction cancel such appointment or license.

(2) In reference to such a place and the warehouse appointed or licensed thereat the provisions of the said Act with respect to the levy of customs-duties on goods brought in bond from one customs-port to another, and with respect to warehousing, shall be construed as if the place were a customs-port and a warehousing port, and the warehouse a public or a private warehouse, as the case may be, appointed or licensed thereat under that Act.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS.

UNDER Sections 15 and 16 of the Sea Customs Act, 1878, public or private warehouses, wherein dutiable goods may be deposited without payment of duty, can only be appointed or licensed at warehousing ports; and under Section 14 of the same Act places declared under section 11 of the Act to be customs-ports can alone be declared to be warehousing ports. It has recently, however, been brought to the notice of the Government of India, in connection with certain proposals for the establishment of bonded salt golahs at Teknaaf in the Cox's Bazar subdivision of the Chittagong district and at Khulna, the terminus of the Bengal Central Railway, that it is desirable to have power (as was possessed under section 14 of the former Sea Customs Act, VI. of 1863) to appoint or license warehouses at places which cannot properly be declared under Section 11 of that Act to be customs-ports. The object of this Bill is to confer that power on the Chief Customs-authority acting with the previous sanction of the Local Government.

The 13th July 1887.

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