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### AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF GOVERNMENT WHARVES AND FOR LEVYING DUES<sup>1</sup>

Commencement [8th July, 1903]

#### 1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the Wharves Act.

#### 2 Interpretation

(1) In this Act —

“**day**” means any consecutive period of 24 hours, provided that the Sabbath Day or any part thereof shall not count for this purpose unless work actually takes place thereon;<sup>2</sup>

“**Government wharf**” means any wharf declared or proclaimed as such by subsection (2);

“**Minister**” means the Minister responsible for marine and ports.<sup>3</sup>

(2) The wharves at Niuatoputapu and Niuafu’ou, Lifuka, Neiafu and the wharf<sup>4</sup> at ’Eua called “Nafanua” are hereby declared as Government wharves and the Prime Minister may by Proclamation declare a wharf as a Government wharf.<sup>5</sup>

#### 3 Administration

The Minister shall be charged with the general administration of this Act.<sup>6</sup>