

Act No. 47 of 1952**UNION WHARF**

An Act to establish a private pier or wharf to be known as “Union Wharf”. *47 of 1952*
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[Commencement 11th August, 1952]

WHEREAS the Trustees of the Estate of the late Sir Harry Oakes, Bart., are the owners in Fee Simple of the land known as “No. 1 Dock” situate on the waterfront of the Port of Nassau to the East of and adjoining Union Street and have obtained all necessary consents to reclaim a portion of the sea-bed to the North of the present sea frontage of the Said Land owned by the Trustees aforesaid.

and WHEREAS with a view to the development of the land to be reclaimed the Said Trustees have agreed with Arthur Vining Davis, Esquire, of the City of Pittsburgh in the State of Pennsylvania, one of the United States of America, that the reclaimed land, or a portion of portions thereof, shall be developed primarily as a private commercial pier or wharf.

and WHEREAS because of the congestion in the areas on the waterfront of the Port of Nassau now used as piers, wharves, and abutments it is in the public interest that additional pier and wharf facilities be made available.

1. This Act may be cited as the Union Wharf Act. Short title.
2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires — Interpretation.

“Union Wharf” means any pier, wharf or abutment with or without warehouses situate thereon on any part or portion of the waterfront of the land owned by the Trustees of the Estate of the late Sir Harry Oakes, Bart., situate on the waterfront of the Port of Nassau to the East of and adjoining Union Street in the City of Nassau, Island of New Providence, and any part or portion of any land reclaimed from the sea-bed adjoining and to the North of the Said Land owned by the Trustees aforesaid;

“warehouse” means any building situate on or appurtenant to Union Wharf and used for the purpose of storing merchandise or cargo of any description either entering or leaving the Port of Nassau;

“cargo” means any commodity, article or thing produced gathered, raised or manufactured either within or without the Bahamas;

“ton” means two thousand pounds weight or forty cubic feet measurement;

“vessel” means every description of ship, vessel or boat (including aircraft) used in navigation and however propelled.

Right to construct private pier or wharf.

3. The Owners shall have the right to build or cause to be built, constructed, or re-constructed, a private pier, wharf or abutment with warehouses and other facilities appurtenant thereto on any part or portion of the land now owned by the Trustees of the Estate of the late Sir Harry Oakes, Bart., situate on the waterfront of the Port of Nassau to the East of and adjoining Union Street in the city of Nassau, Island of New Providence and also on any part or portion of the land reclaimed from the sea-bed adjoining and to the North of the Said Land owned by the Trustees aforesaid.

Exemption from levies, charges, rates, etc., contained in any other Act.

4. (1) Notwithstanding any levies, charges, rates or dues for lighterage, pierage, wharfage or storage in any Act contained concerning or applicable to piers, abutments, wharves, docks, warehouses, vessels and outgoing and incoming cargo, vessels lying at Union Wharf and all cargo either outgoing or incoming shipped from or landed on Union Wharf shall be herein expressly exempted from all such levies, charges, rates or dues for lighterage, pierage, wharfage, storage, or any other wharfage facility contained in any Act.

Owners right to charge for services and facilities.

(2) The Owners of Union Wharf, their lessees, agents or assigns shall be entitled to impose such charges and to receive such remuneration for their services and facilities in such manner or on such terms as may be agreed upon between them and their customers from time to time.