



Western Australia.

ANNO SEXAGESIMO

VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

No. XXX.

AN ACT to facilitate the Administration of Justice, and the taking of Statutory Declarations.

[Assented to, 27th October, 1896.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of Western Australia, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. EVERY Warden of a Goldfield, or Goldfield District, whether appointed before or after the passing of this Act, shall, by virtue of such appointment, and during his tenure of office, be a Justice of the Peace for the Colony.

Wardens to be *ex officio* Justices of the Peace.

2. EVERY Clerk of Petty Sessions, Clerk of a Local Court, and Mining Registrar of a Goldfield or Goldfield District shall have the same authority to administer oaths, and take affirmations in lieu thereof, and statutory declarations in accordance with the Act of the eighteenth year of Her present Majesty, numbered twelve, as a Justice of the Peace now has; and oaths administered and affirmations and statutory declarations made in pursuance of this section shall have the same force and effect as if administered or taken before a Justice of the Peace.

Certain Clerks of Petty Sessions or of Local Courts and Mining Registrars may administer Oaths.

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Clerk of Petty Sessions may sign and issue summonses.

3. ANY Clerk of Petty Sessions may sign and issue summonses requiring the person summoned to attend before a Court of Petty Sessions in answer to any information or complaint cognizable by such Court in the exercise of its jurisdiction, and summonses to witnesses to attend and give evidence or produce documents before such Court, and such summonses shall have the same force and effect as if signed and issued by a Justice of the Peace.

In the name and on behalf of the Queen I hereby assent to this Act.

ALEX. C. ONSLOW, Governor's Deputy.