



Western Australia.

ANNO QUINQUAGESIMO QUINTO

VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

No. XXV.

AN ACT to amend "The Aborigines Protection Act, 1886," and to provide a Summary Remedy for Breach of Contract by Aborigines.

[Assented to, 18th March, 1892.]

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:—

Preamble.

1. THIS Act may be cited as "The Aborigines Protection Act (Amendment), 1892," and shall be incorporated and read with "The Aborigines Protection Act, 1886" (hereinafter called "the Principal Act").

Short title and incorporation with Principal Act.

2. SUBJECT to the provisions of Part II. of the Principal Act, any aboriginal who shall neglect or refuse to enter upon or commence his service according to the contract, or shall absent himself from his service, or shall refuse or neglect to work in the capacity in which he has been engaged, or shall desert or quit his work without the consent of his employer, or shall commit any other breach of his

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contract, shall be guilty of an offence, and shall be liable, upon conviction of any such offence before any Justice of the Peace, to be imprisoned for any term not exceeding three months, with or without hard labor.

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3. SUBJECT to the provisions of Part II. of the Principal Act, any employer of an aboriginal who shall be guilty of any breach of a contract under the Principal Act shall, upon the complaint of any Justice of the Peace, Protector of Aborigines, or other person, and upon conviction before any Justice of the Peace, forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding Twenty pounds.

Service of summons and execution of warrant of arrest limited.

4. IT shall not be obligatory upon any member of the police force to serve any summons or execute any warrant of arrest against an aboriginal, in respect of any offence under section two of this Act, beyond a distance of fifty miles from the place where such summons or warrant was issued, except when specially directed by a Resident Magistrate.

Repeal.

5. SECTION Forty-four of the Principal Act is hereby repealed.

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

ALEX. C. ONSLOW, Administrator.