

The Documentary Evidence Act, 1887

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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No. 7

An Act to amend the Law relating to Documentary Evidence. [Assented to 4th August, 1887.]

WHEREAS the 'Documentary Evidence Act, 1868,' of the Imperial Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland is in force in this Colony, subject to any law that may from time to time be made by the Legislature of this Colony, and it is expedient to make such law: Be it enacted by His Excellency the Governor of Western Australia and its Dependencies, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof.

Short title

1. That this Act may be cited as 'The Documentary Evidence Act, 1887.'

Evidence of proclamations, &c.

2. That the provisions of the second sub-section of the second section, and of the first sub-section of the fourth section of the said Imperial Act shall apply not only to such proclamations, orders, or regulations as are printed under the authority of the Legislature of this Colony, but also to all proclamations, orders, regulations, and notices made or issued by the Governor under authority possessed by him, whether such proclamations, orders, regulations, and notices be or be not printed and published in the 'Government Gazette.'

What persons may make official copies

3. That *prima facie* evidence of any proclamation, order, regulation, or notice made or issued after the passing of this Act by or under the authority of the Governor, or of the Governor in Executive Council, or of the Legislative Council, or of the Head of any Department of the Government, or of any Body or Board in the first column of the Schedule to this Act mentioned, may be given in all Courts of Justice and in all legal proceedings whatever by the production of a copy of or extract therefrom, such copy or extract purporting to be certified to be true by the person or persons specified in the second column of the said Schedule in connection with the officer, department, body, or board in the said first column mentioned.

Act to be cumulative

4. That the provisions of this Act shall be deemed to be in addition to and not in derogation from any powers of proving documents given by any Imperial Statute in force in this Colony, or by any Ordinance or Act in force in this Colony.

F. NAPIER BROOME,
GOVERNOR.

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SCHEDULE

COLUMN I	COLUMN II
Name of Officer, Department, Body, or Board	Names of Certifying Officers
<i>The Governor</i>	The Governor or his Private Secretary.
<i>The Governor in Executive Council</i>	The Clerk to the Executive Council.
<i>The Legislative Council</i>	The Clerk or Clerk-Assistant.
<i>Colonial Secretary's Department</i> ...	The Colonial Secretary, the Assistant Colonial Secretary, or the Chief Clerk.
<i>Colonial Treasurer's Department</i> ...	The Colonial Treasurer, the Chief Clerk and Accountant, or the Book-keeper.
<i>Crown Lands and Survey Department</i>	The Surveyor General and Commissioner of Crown Lands, the Inspector of Plans and Surveys, the Chief Clerk and Record-keeper, or the Clerk and Accountant.
<i>Works and Railways Department</i> ...	The Director of Public Works and Engineer-in-Chief, or the Superintendent of Works.
<i>Police Department</i>	The Commissioner or an Inspector.
<i>Departments of Registration</i> ...	The Registrar-General or the Clerk.
<i>Land Titles Department</i>	The Commissioner or the Registrar of Titles.
<i>Customs Department</i>	The Collector of Customs or the Chief Clerk.
<i>Poor Relief Department</i>	The Superintendent of Poor Houses.
<i>Audit Department</i>	The Auditor-General or the Chief Clerk and Inspector of Accounts.
<i>Any Board constituted under any Act in force in this Colony</i> ...	The Chairman or Secretary.