



Western Australia.

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No. XXIV.

AN ACT to amend "The Goldfields Act, 1886."

[Assented to, 7th January, 1888.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend "The Goldfields Act, 1886:" 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, as follows:—

1. THIS Act shall be called and may be cited as "The Goldfields Act Amendment Act, 1888." Short Title.

2. IN this Act the expression "The Act" shall mean "The Goldfields Act, 1886," and the expression "Division of the Colony" shall mean a division thereof as defined in the Land Regulations, 1887. Interpretation.

3. THE proviso contained in the eleventh Section of the Act shall be and is hereby repealed. Such repeal shall not take effect on the Kimberley Goldfields until the 15th April, 1888. Repeal of proviso in Sec. 11 of the Act.

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Under what circumstances a Reward for the discovery of a new goldfield is to be payable.

4. THE reward payable to the actual discoverers of new goldfields, as provided in the eighty-first Section of the Act, shall be payable only when a newly discovered goldfield is situate in a division of the Colony in which no goldfield has been previously proclaimed.

Power to warden to modify labor or residence conditions.

5. IT shall be lawful for the warden of any goldfield, at his discretion, to wholly or partially, for such time as he may please, not exceeding three months altogether, relax, dispense with, or modify the conditions as to labor or residence required by the present or any future regulations, when, in his opinion, it would be unreasonable that such conditions should be enforced in their entirety.

Extension of Sec. 79 of the Act.

6. THE provisions of the 79th Section of the Act shall be and are hereby extended, so far as applicable or necessary, to the making, altering, and repealing regulations relating to the prospecting and mining for gold in places not within the limits of a proclaimed goldfield, and penalties not exceeding those stated in the said Section may be provided for the breach of such regulations.

7. THIS Act shall be read and construed with the Act.

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

F. NAPIER BROOME, Governor.