
The Prisoners Employment Act, 1887

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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VICTORIÆ REGINÆ

No. 5

An Act to amend the Law in respect of the employment of Prisoners sentenced to hard labour.

[Assented to 4th August, 1887.]

Preamble

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 Prisoners Employment Act, 1887.'

Repeal of sec. 24 of 12th Vic., No. 7

2. That the twenty-fourth section of Ordinance No. 7 of the 12th Victoriæ be and is hereby repealed, and such repeal shall take effect at the time of the commencement of this Act.

Certain prisoners may be set to work outside prison

3. That any male prisoner sentenced to penal servitude or to imprisonment with hard labour for any felony or misdemeanour for which he is legally liable to be sentenced to such imprisonment without the alternative of a fine, may be ordered by the Inspector of Prisons or a Resident Magistrate to be set to work, and may be set to work on the roads or any public work beyond the precincts of the said prison. Any such prisoner so ordered to be set to work as aforesaid who, whether in charge of any gaoler or not, shall abscond, whether on the way from the prison to the place of work, or at the place of work, or on the way from the place of work to the prison, shall be liable to the penalties of an escape. Any such prisoner so set to work as aforesaid, either alone or with any other prisoner or prisoners, may by the further order of such Inspector or of a Resident Magistrate be kept at such work in chains or otherwise secured as may be deemed expedient.

F. NAPIER BROOME,

GOVERNOR.
