



WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

ANNO QUADRAGESIMO SEXTO

VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

No. XXVI.

AN ACT to give validity to certain Summary
Convictions of Aboriginal Natives of the
Colony.

[Assented to, 19th April, 1883.]

WHEREAS by divers Acts of Council a Resident Magistrate is empowered to convict and sentence certain offenders being Aboriginal Natives of the Colony of Western Australia; and whereas Charles Denroache Vaughan Foss has recently been appointed an Itinerant Stipendiary Magistrate at the Gascoyne, and in that capacity has tried and convicted several such offenders of divers felonies and misdemeanors, and sentenced them to various terms of imprisonment; And doubts have arisen respecting the power of the said Charles Denroache Vaughan Foss, acting in that behalf and being so named and appointed, to convict and sentence such offenders. Now, for the purpose of removing such doubts, and in order to prevent inconvenience: Be it enacted by His Excellency

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Aboriginal Natives—Certain Convictions affirmed.

the Governor of Western Australia and its Dependencies, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

Convictions affirmed.

1. IN all cases where an aboriginal native of the Colony has been so convicted of an offence made summarily punishable by the laws in force in the said Colony, and has been so sentenced to undergo a single term of imprisonment not exceeding three years, such conviction shall be deemed and taken to be of the same force and effect and validity as if the same had been made by a Resident Magistrate duly appointed in that behalf.