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*The Road Parties Discipline Act, 1877*

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An Act to make further provision for the maintenance of discipline among prisoners employed outside the walls of a prison. [Assented to 25th July, 1877.]

WHEREAS by divers Acts and Ordinances power is given to the Governor to have prisoners, sentenced either to penal servitude or to imprisonment with hard labour, employed beyond the limits of any gaol, penal settlement, or other place of confinement, upon the roads or other public works of the Colony, but no provision has been made to punish persons who hold intercourse with the said prisoners beyond the limits of any such gaol, penal settlement, or other place of confinement, and it is expedient to make such provision; Be it therefore 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:—

Preamble

1. This Act may be cited for all purposes as 'The Road Parties Discipline Act, 1877.'

Short title

2. Any person who, without the permission of the Governor or some person duly authorised to give such permission, shall wilfully or designedly hold intercourse with any person serving under an unremitted sentence of penal servitude or imprisonment with hard labour, and not having a ticket-of-leave, shall, on a first conviction thereof in a summary manner, before any one or more Justice or Justices of the Peace, forfeit and pay any sum not exceeding Ten pounds; and in default of payment thereof, shall be imprisoned, with or without hard labour, for any term not exceeding three calendar months; and every person so offending, after a previous summary conviction of such person for such offence, shall, on conviction thereof in a summary manner as aforesaid, forfeit and pay any sum not exceeding Twenty-five pounds, and in default of payment thereof shall be imprisoned, with or without hard labour, for any term not exceeding six calendar months.

Holding intercourse with prisoners

Penalty

Penalty for second offence

WILLIAM C. F. ROBINSON,  
GOVERNOR.