

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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No. 12

An Act to amend and extend the 'Telegraphic Messages  
Act, 1874.' [Assented to 16th August, 1877.]

WHEREAS it is desirable to further extend the advantages of the Electric Telegraph, and to amend the provisions of the 'Telegraphic Messages Act, 1874'; 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:—

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*Telegraph Messages—Amendment*

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1. It shall be lawful for any of the persons mentioned in section 4 of the said Act, in addition to the documents mentioned in the same section, to cause to be transmitted by Electric Telegraph the contents of any affidavit or statutory declaration, subject to the provisions contained in the sub-sections of the said section 4 as hereinafter amended.

2. The following words shall form part of sub-section 3 of the said fourth section of the said Act, and shall be read at the end and in continuation of the said sub-section, namely:—‘and such last-mentioned person shall forthwith endorse on such copy a certificate that such copy was duly received by him under the provisions of this Act, and this certificate shall be counter-signed by the Justice of the Peace or Notary Public under whose supervision such copy may have been received.

3. Every copy so endorsed, certified, and counter-signed, shall be as valid to all intents and purposes as the original whereof it purports to be a copy would have been, and shall be admissible as evidence in any case in which the original would have been so admissible; and any person by whom such copy shall have been so received or who shall be thereby authorised, instructed, or commanded, or who shall or may be lawfully charged with any duty in respect thereof, shall have and become liable to the same rights or duties in respect thereof as if he had received such original document duly signed and sealed, or signed, or sealed, or sworn, or declared, as the case may be; and in the case of documents intended to be served, or the efficacy or use whereof depends upon service, every such copy shall for the purpose of such service be deemed to be the original document whereof it purports to be a copy.

4. Section 5 of the said Act is hereby repealed.

5. This Act may be cited as the ‘Telegraphic Messages Amendment Act, 1877,’ and shall be read with the ‘Telegraphic Messages Act, 1874,’ as one Act.

WILLIAM C. F. ROBINSON,  
GOVERNOR.

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