



WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

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No. IX.

AN ACT to provide for the Registration of certain Persons who shall be imported into Western Australia, or employed in any manner within the Territorial Dominion thereof.

[Assented to, 17th July, 1874.]

WHEREAS it would be more conducive to the welfare of persons natives of India, China, Africa, and of the Islands in the Indian and Pacific Oceans, and the Malayan Archipelago, who shall be imported into Western Australia or employed in any manner within its Territorial Dominion, if a Registry of such persons were kept as hereinafter provided: 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:—

Preamble.

1 THE master of any vessel which shall have on board within the territorial dominion of Western Australia persons apparently natives of India, China, Africa, Australia, or of the Islands in the

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- Indian or Pacific Oceans, or of the Malayan Archipelago, shall, immediately on his arrival within such territorial dominion, give voluntarily and immediately, or on demand thereof, to the principal officer of customs or of police or other officer specially authorized by the Governor in that behalf, at or nearest to the place where such vessel shall then be, a complete nominal list of such persons in the form or to the effect in the Schedule hereto, under a penalty not exceeding ten shillings for every day for each such person, to be computed from the day of such demand.
- Penalty.
- 2 SUCH list shall contain the following particulars of such persons: Name as at place of birth and name at time of furnishing list; sex; apparent age; ordinary place of residence; place of birth; place where shipped and date of shipment; calling or occupation; intended place of residence; name, residence, and description of employer; intended employment.
- Particulars in list.
- 3 SUCH list shall, if required by such principal officer of customs or of police or other officer as aforesaid, be from time to time verified as far as possible by the statement, oath, affidavit, or declaration of such master or persons respectively.
- List to be verified.
- 4 NO such person shall be put on shore from any such vessel unless for the purpose and with the intention of immediately returning thereto, or be employed anywhere except on board of such vessel as a seaman within such territorial dominion, until such list shall have been given as aforesaid, under a penalty not exceeding Five pounds for each such person.
- Such persons not to be put on shore until nominal list given.
- Penalty.
- 5 THE employer of every such person within the territorial dominion of Western Australia shall, whenever thereunto requested by any officer of customs or of police at or nearest to the place where such person shall then be, or whenever thereunto requested by any other officer as aforesaid, in the absence of reasonable excuse to the satisfaction of the Justice or Justices of the Peace who shall hear and determine the charge, produce him or her at all reasonable times at such place to any police officer or other person under a penalty not exceeding Forty shillings for every such default.
- Employer to produce such person.
- Penalty.
- 6 THE master of every vessel who shall knowingly give a false nominal list, as provided by the First section, shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding One hundred pounds.
- Penalty on master giving a false nominal list.

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7 ALL offences under this Ordinance made punishable by any penalty shall be summarily punishable upon conviction before a Justice or Justices of the Peace in petty sessions. Summary conviction.

8 THE word “vessel” shall include a ship or boat. The word “master” shall include any person for the time being in command or charge of a vessel. Interpretation.

9 SECTIONS A. E. G. H. and I. of “The Shortening Ordinance, 1853,” shall be incorporated with and taken to form part of this Act, to all intents and purposes, and in as full and ample a manner as if the said Sections had been introduced and fully set forth in this Act. Shortening Ordinance.

10 THE Short Title of this Act shall be “The Imported Labor Registry Act, 1874.” Short Title.

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

FRED. A. WELD, Governor.

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S C H E D U L E .

LIST of persons on board the Vessel (*Name of Ship*) whereof is Master (*Name of Master*) having on board at (*Name of Place*) in Western Australia, the following persons, apparently natives of India, China, Africa, Australia, or of the Islands in the Indian or Pacific Oceans, or of the Malayan Archipelago.

Name at time giving list.	Name at place of Birth.	Sex.	Apparent age.	Ordinary place of Residence.	Place of Birth.	Place where Shipped, and date of shipment.	Calling or Occupation.	Intended place of residence.	Name of residence, and description of employer.	Intended employment.
Jemmy <i>(or as the case may be.)</i>	Apoo.	Male.	25	Canton.	Canton.	Hong Kong, 25th January, 1874.	Cook.	Perth.	John Brown, of Perth, Baker, <i>(or as the case may be.)</i>	Baker.

NOTE.—Giving an incomplete list involves a penalty not exceeding Ten shillings for every day for each person not included in this list, to be computed from the day of demand. No person to be landed, except for ship's purposes, until list given, under a penalty not exceeding Five pounds for each person. The giving a false list involves a penalty not exceeding One hundred pounds.