



WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

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No. IV.

AN ORDINANCE for protecting the Oyster Fisheries on
the Coasts of this Colony.

[11th July, 1864.]

WHEREAS the maintaining and preserving the Oyster Fisheries
of this Colony are necessary in order to prevent the entire
destruction of the Oyster Brood therein: Be it therefore enacted by
His Excellency The Governor of Western Australia, and its Depen-
dencies, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative
Council thereof, as follows:

Preamble.

1. IF any person or persons shall at any time between the
Fifteenth day of August and the Fifteenth day of December in
any year, or between any such other dates as may from time to time
be notified in the *Government Gazette*; with or by means of any net,
trawl, dredge, or other instrument or engine whatsoever, take or catch
any Oysters or Oyster Brood within the limits of any Oyster Fishery,
Sound, Bay, Creek, River, or Harbor of this Colony, or shall dredge
for Oysters or Oyster Brood, or use any Oyster dredge or any net,
instrument, or engine whatsoever, within any sound, bay, creek, river

From 15th August to 15th
December persons catching
Oysters or Brood within any
Harbor &c., punishable.

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or harbor for the purpose of taking or catching any oysters or oyster brood, though none shall be actually taken, or shall sell, dispose of, exchange, or barter, for valuable consideration, any such oysters, or oyster brood, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction before any Justice of the Peace, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding Five pounds, or to be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for any period not exceeding Three calendar months.

Sections of the Shortening Ordinance adopted.

2. SECTIONS A and C of "The Shortening Ordinance, 1853," shall be incorporated with and taken to form part of this Ordinance 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 such Ordinance.

J. S. HAMPTON,

GOVERNOR AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.



*Passed the Legislative Council,
this 11th day of July, 1864.*

G. E. HAMPTON,

Clerk of the Council.