



WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

ANNO DECIMO SEXTO

VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

No. XIV.

**An Ordinance to provide for the issue of
Licenses to kill Kangaroos.**

WHEREAS the practice of hunting and killing kangaroos in Preamble.
the remote districts of Western Australia has of late been
carried on to a considerable extent by nomadic hunters; and whereas
such a practice is calculated not only to deprive the aboriginal na-
tives of their natural means of support, without affording them in

return any of the facilities for obtaining employment and food which they enjoy in the settled districts, but has also led to serious quarrels between such hunters and the Aborigines—For remedy thereof, 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:—

No person to kill Kangaroos without authority from the Colonial Secretary or a Justice of the Peace.

I. THAT from and after the first day of July next, no person shall hunt or kill Kangaroos without having first applied for and obtained from the Colonial Secretary for the time being, or from a Justice of the Peace of the district in which the applicant shall reside, an authority in writing, empowering him, together with any number of persons named in such authority, to hunt and kill Kangaroos within a district and time to be named in such authority, and that any person hunting or killing Kangaroos without such written authority as aforesaid, or after the expiration of the period or beyond the limits named in such license, shall, upon conviction for any such offence, forfeit and pay any sum not exceeding £20.

Owners &c., of country land may kill for their own use.

II. THAT nothing hereinbefore contained shall extend to owners, legal occupiers, or lessees of any country land, or their servants, or to the aboriginal natives, hunting and killing Kangaroos for their own consumption, or for the use of their establishments.

Export duty of 1s on each skin.

III. THAT from and after the first day of August next, an export duty or charge of one shilling shall be due and payable upon and in respect of every Kangaroo Skin exported from any place within, to any place beyond, the limits of this Colony.

Notice of intention to export Kangaroo Skins.

IV. THAT any person who shall intend so to export any Kangaroo Skins, shall give notice of his intention to the Collector or Sub-Collector of Customs at the intended port of Shipment of such Kangaroo Skins, and shall, before any Kangaroo Skins are so Shipped, or attempted to be Shipped for exportation, obtain the certificate of the Collector or Sub-Collector of Customs that all duties payable thereon have been paid, together with a permit to ship the same, and in default thereof, such Kangaroo Skins shall be liable to seizure and forfeiture.

Seizure of Skins.

1853. 16th Vict. No. 14.

V. THAT any person who shall ship, or attempt to ship Kangaroo Skins without having complied with the foregoing requisitions shall, upon summary conviction of every such offence before one or more Justice or Justices of the Peace, forfeit and pay any sum not exceeding £50. Penalty for shipping Kangaroo Skins, without notice and permit, £50.

VI. THAT in all cases of proceedings taken for the recovery of any penalty under this Ordinance, the proof of the requisitions and provisions by this Ordinance made and required, having been fulfilled and complied with, shall lie upon the defendant. Affirmation to lie on Defendant.

VII. THAT the section set forth in the "Shortening Ordinance, 1853," and marked therein respectively with the letters A and C be incorporated with this Ordinance. Sections A and C of "Shortening Ordinance 1853," incorporated.

VIII. THAT this Ordinance may be cited as "The Kangaroo Ordinance, 1853."

CHARLES FITZGERALD,
GOVERNOR AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

*Passed the Legislative Council }
the 13th day of April, 1853. }*

A. O'GRADY LEFROY,
Clerk of the Council.