



# WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

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No. IV.

**An Ordinance for taking an account of the  
Population and of the amount of Live  
Stock and Crop and other Particulars of  
the Colony of Western Australia.**

**W**HEREAS it is expedient to make provision for ascertaining  
with accuracy the number of persons in the colony of West-  
ern Australia, together with the amount of live stock and crop and

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Governor to cause notice to be issued requiring householders, &c., to give the information required by this Ordinance.

other statistical particulars within the limits of the same;—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, that it shall be lawful for his Excellency the Governor to cause a notice to be published in the Government Gazette, at such times as to His Excellency shall appear most advisable, requiring every householder, employer of servants, and proprietor or occupier of land, or owner or person in charge of any sheep, cattle, or live stock of any description therein, upon a day specially appointed in any such notice or on the days immediately subsequent thereto, to fill up or be prepared to give all such information as may be required to fill up any such form or forms as may be tendered for the purpose, by such persons as shall be employed in manner hereinafter mentioned to collect the same.

Governor to appoint persons to collect information required by this Ordinance.

II. AND be it enacted, that it shall be lawful for His Excellency the Governor to appoint by notice in the usual manner in the Government Gazette, such and so many competent persons as to His Excellency shall seem fit, in the several districts of the colony to collect the information required, and the said persons shall on the day so appointed in such notice and on the days immediately subsequent thereto, if one day shall not be sufficient for the same, proceed to take an account in writing of the number of persons and the amount of live stock and crop at that time being within the limits of the districts respectively assigned to them, and to inform themselves of the several particulars specified in the said forms, distinguishing the district in which each person shall be or reside; and the better to enable the persons so appointed as aforesaid to take such accounts, they are hereby authorised and empowered to ask such questions of the persons residing or being within their respective districts concerning themselves and the number, quality, age, and trade or calling of the persons constituting their respective families, households, or establishments, and all such other particulars as shall be necessary to fill up the said forms, and every such person refusing or neglecting to answer any such question, or wilfully giving a false answer thereto, shall, on conviction, for every such refusal or neglect, or for any such false answer thereto, forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding five pounds, at the discretion of the convicting Justices.

Persons appointed as aforesaid are to transmit the returns to the officer appointed to receive them.

III. AND be it enacted, that the person so appointed as aforesaid, shall within fourteen days after the day so appointed by notice as aforesaid, appear before some Justice of the Peace for the colony, and

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produce the original accounts taken in writing and subscribed by them, and shall make and sign a solemn declaration before such Justice of the Peace, who is hereby authorised to receive such declaration, that the statements therein contained are true to the best of their knowledge and belief, and shall answer all such questions concerning such accounts as shall be put to them by the said Justice of the Peace, and that the person so to be appointed as aforesaid, shall within thirty days after making such declaration as aforesaid, transmit to such officer or other person as may be publicly notified as appointed by his Excellency the Governor to receive the same, the original accounts so taken in writing and verified by their declaration as aforesaid, and if any such person shall fail or neglect to take such accounts, or shall knowingly make any false statement therein, or shall omit to verify or transmit the same in manner hereby required, or shall refuse to answer or wilfully give a false answer to any such question as last aforesaid, he shall on conviction forfeit and pay for every such offence any sum not exceeding five pounds, at the discretion of the convicting Justices.

IV. AND be it enacted, that all informations and proceedings for offences against this Ordinance, shall be commenced within three calendar months after the offences thereby respectively charged shall have been committed, and shall be heard and determined, and the forfeitures and penalties in respect of the same shall be awarded and enforced in a summary manner before any two Justices of the Peace, according to the provisions of an Ordinance passed in the 7th year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "an Ordinance to regulate summary proceedings before Justices of the Peace."<sup>12.</sup> Limitation of prosecutions. Jurisdiction 7 Vict. No.

V. AND be it enacted, that this Ordinance may be amended or repealed by any Ordinance to be passed during the present session. Ordinance may be repealed.

FREDERICK CHIDLEY IRWIN,  
GOVERNOR AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

*Passed the Council }  
25th July, 1848. }*

WALKINSHAW COWAN,  
Clerk of the Councils.

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