



WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

ANNO DECIMO QUARTO

VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

No. XVII.

An Ordinance to make provision for the Conveyance of Mails from Port to Port within the limits of the Colony of Western Australia.

WHEREAS much inconvenience and disappointment have recently been felt in consequence of some Masters of Coast-ing Vessels refusing to carry Letters or Mails from port to port in this colony;—Be it therefore enacted, by His Excellency the Governor

Vessels going from port to port to carry mails; of Western Australia and its Dependencies, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, that if any master or person having the command of any vessel or boat about to proceed from any one port to any other port of this colony, shall (after being thereto required by any Postmaster or Port-Officer, or other person acting on behalf of the Local Government) refuse or wilfully neglect to receive on board such vessel or boat any mail, parcel, letter, or newspaper, or bag or box of letters or newspapers, or shall refuse or neglect carefully to deposit such mail, parcel, letter, bag, or box in some secure dry place on board of such boat or vessel, or to convey the same on her then intended voyage, such master or person shall, on conviction for every such offence, forfeit and pay a penalty or sum not exceeding forty pounds.

Penalty.

9 Vic. No. 6 to apply. II. AND be it enacted, that all the provisions of the Ordinance 9th Victoria, No. 6, for the conveyance and postage of letters which apply to the conveyance of letters and newspapers in vessels arriving from and sailing to parts beyond the seas, shall be deemed and taken to apply to vessels or boats proceeding from port to port within the limits of this colony.

"Port" defined. III. AND be it enacted, that any place on the coast within the limits of this colony at which there shall be any Postmaster or other person authorised on behalf of the Local Government to require the conveyance of a mail, shall be deemed and taken to be a port within the meaning of this Ordinance.

CHARLES FITZGERALD,
GOVERNOR AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

*Passed the Council, }
16th May, 1851. }*

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