



WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

ANNO DECIMO

VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

No. VI.

**An Ordinance to provide for the withdrawal
of Letters from the Post Office in certain
cases.**

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the conveyance and postage of letters," whereby it was among other things declared that no letter or packet should be returned to the writer or sender thereof without the consent of the person to whom the same is directed, except in the case of public letters: and

Letters may be returned to writer, &c., on application to Governor, Colonial Secretary, or Government Resident.

whereas it is expedient to provide for certain cases where serious inconvenience or injury would be likely to arise from the transmission of letters placed in the Post Office;—Be it therefore 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 on the application of any party claiming to have any letter or packet lying in any Post Office returned to him, it shall be lawful for His Excellency the Governor, or the Colonial Secretary, or for the Government Resident in each district, so far as relates to any Post Office within his district, on evidence to his satisfaction by the solemn declaration in writing (which he is hereby authorised to administer and receive) of such party, and by opening such letter or packet, that such party hath a just and reasonable claim to such letter or packet being so returned as aforesaid, and that serious inconvenience would arise from the transmission of such letter or packet by the the course of Post, to issue an authority under his hand to the Postmaster in whose charge such letter or packet shall be at such time to deliver the same to such party so applying as aforesaid, on receiving his receipt for the same.

II. AND be it enacted, that any person making any such declaration, knowing the same to be false in any material particular, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

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

Passed the Council }
5th August, 1847. }

WALKINSHAW COWAN,
Clerk of the Councils.