



WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

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No. XX.

An Ordinance to establish a Toll to be levied upon Sandal Wood, to be applied to the Construction and Repair of Public Roads and Lines of Communication.

WHEREAS the increasing traffic of the colony requires a considerable outlay to be made to facilitate the transit of goods and produce by the construction of efficient lines of internal communication; and whereas much of the injury done to the public roads

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and other lines of communication is caused by the conveyance of large quantities of the timber commonly called sandal wood, from the interior to the different ports of shipment, and it is therefore deemed expedient that a toll should be levied upon the said timber to provide a fund for the construction, repair, and improvement of such roads and other lines of communication; — 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 a toll or charge of ten shillings shall be due and payable upon every ton weight of sandal wood cut and prepared for shipment, to the Collector of Revenue, or to the Sub-Collector of Revenue of the Port whereat the same is intended to be shipped.

A toll of 10s. per ton to be charged on all sandal wood prepared for shipment.

Proceeds of toll to be paid over to Central Board of Works, &c.

II. AND be it enacted, that the sums arising from the said toll shall be paid over by such Collector or Sub-Collector, to the Chairman of the Central Board of Works of the colony; and that the said Board shall issue all such regulations from time to time for the collection and payment of the said toll as they may deem expedient; Provided always that all such regulations shall be approved by the Governor in Executive Council and published in three successive Government Gazettes before the same shall be put in operation.

Penalty for evading toll any sum not exceeding £100.

III. AND be it enacted, that any person who shall be convicted of having shipped for exportation any sandal wood without having first paid the toll due thereon, or without having satisfied the Collector with respect to the same, or of having violated or broken any of the regulations aforesaid, shall for every such offence forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds over and above the amount of the toll due and payable upon the sandal wood so shipped.

Appropriation of fund to roads, &c.

IV. AND be it enacted, that all sums of money arising from the said toll shall, after deducting the expences of collecting and managing the same, be applied to the construction and repair roads, bridges, and other public lines of communication.

Limitation of proceedings.

V. AND be it enacted, that all informations and proceedings for offences against this Ordinance shall be commenced within twelve 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, enforced, and appropriated in a summary manner before any two Jus-

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tices of the Peace, according to the provisions of an Act passed in the seventh year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, entitled "an Act to regulate summary proceedings before Justices of the Peace."

VI. AND be it enacted, that if any person shall think himself ^{Appeal.} aggrieved by any summary decision under this Ordinance, he may appeal therefrom to the next Court of Quarter Sessions.

VII. AND be it enacted, that this Ordinance shall be and ^{CON- Duration of Ordinance.} continue in force for the space of three years from the date hereof.

VIII. PROVIDED always and be it enacted, that it shall be ^{Governor may suspend Ordinance.} lawful for the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council at any time, by Proclamation under his hand, to suspend the operation of this Ordinance for such time as he may deem expedient.

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

*Passed the Council }
4th Nov., 1847. }*

WALKINSHAW COWAN,
Clerk of the Councils.