



Western Australia.

ANNO SEXAGESIMO TERTIO

VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

No. XLVI.

AN ACT to prevent the Defacement of Bank Notes.

[Assented to, 16th December, 1899.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of Western Australia, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. THIS Act may be cited as the Bank Note Protection Act, 1899.

Short title.

2. EVERY person who commits any of the following acts shall be deemed to have committed an offence, and shall be liable, on conviction thereof before a Court of summary jurisdiction, to a fine not exceeding Five pounds; that is to say,—

Penalty for defacing bank notes.

(a.) Every person who, after the issue thereof, defaces any bank note by writing, printing, stamping, or marking on the front or back thereof his name, or the name of any other person, or any matter relating to the trade, business, or affairs of any person.

Instruments Act,
1890 (Victoria),
106.

63° VICTORIÆ, No. 46.

Bank Note Protection.

Provided that it shall not be deemed an offence against this Act for the holder or holders of a bank note to indorse it with his or their signature or signatures, in writing, for the purpose of identification.

Definition of "bank note" for purposes of Act.

3. FOR the purposes of this Act the expression "bank note" shall mean any promissory note issued by a bank, payable to the bearer thereof without indorsement, or with no further or other indorsement than is thereon at the time of issue, and made for a sum for which the bank is lawfully authorised to issue such note.

In the name and on behalf of the Queen I hereby assent to this Act.

GERARD SMITH, Governor.