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No. 9

An Act to prevent the bringing of Spirituous or Fermented Liquors on board Her Majesty's ships, and the aiding any Officer, Seaman, or Marine to desert therefrom.

[Assented to 20th August, 1887.

WHEREAS by an Act of the Imperial Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland it is made unlawful to bring Spirituous or Fermented Liquors on board Her Majesty's ships without the commander's consent: And whereas it is expedient, to promote discipline in Her Majesty's Navy, that the provisions of the said Act in that behalf be applied and extended to this Colony: 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, as follows:—

Adoption of 16 and 17 Vic., cap. 69, section 12 1. That it shall not be lawful for any person to bring on board any of Her Majesty's ships or vessels any spirituous or fermented liquor of any description, without the previous consent of the officer commanding the ship or vessel on board of which the same may be brought; and it shall be lawful for any officer in Her Majesty's service, or warrant or

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petty officer of the Navy, or non-commissioned officer of marines, with or without seamen or persons under his command, to search any boat or vessel hovering about or approaching or which may have hovered about or approached any of Her Majesty's ships or vessels, and if any spirituous or fermented liquor be found on board such boat or vessel, to seize such spirituous or fermented liquor, and the same shall be forfeited to Her Majesty; and if any person shall bring any spirituous or fermented liquor on board any of Her Majesty's ships or vessels without such previous consent as aforesaid, or shall approach or hover about any of Her Majesty's ships or vessels for the purpose of bringing any spirituous or fermented liquor on board the same, without such previous consent, or for the purpose of giving or selling, without such previous consent, spirituous or fermented liquor to men in Her Majesty's service, or of aiding or assisting any officer, seaman, or marine in Her Majesty's service to desert or improperly absent himself from his ship or vessel, every such person shall, upon a summary conviction thereof before a Justice or Justices of the Peace, forfeit and pay any sum not exceeding Ten pounds for every such act or offence; and it shall be lawful for any officer in Her Majesty's service, or any such warrant or petty officer, or non-commissioned officer as aforesaid, or for any constable or peace officer, with or without any warrant or other process, to apprehend or cause to be apprehended any such offender or person so acting, and to bring him or cause him to be brought before any Justice or Justices of the Peace, for the purpose of having the offender summarily convicted of the same.

2. That any fines paid by persons convicted under this Act shall Application of be paid to the Colonial Treasurer as part of the public revenue of this Colony.

F. NAPIER BROOME. Governor.