



Western Australia.

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No. XX.

AN ACT to amend an Act passed in the 6th year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, No. 5, intituled "An Act to provide a summary remedy in certain cases of Breach of Contract."

[ Assented to, 20th August, 1886. ]

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend an Act passed in the 6th year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled "An Act to provide a summary remedy in certain cases of Breach of Contract:" 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:—

Preamble

1. SO much of the first and second sections of the above recited Act as imposes a punishment of imprisonment in the first instance, in cases of breach of engagement or contract on the part of servants, is hereby repealed.

Repeal of power to imprison in first instance for Breach of Contract.

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### *Masters and Servants Act—Amendment.*

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Punishment to be  
by fine, and in de-  
fault imprisonment.

2. IN every case of breach of engagement, contract, or service by any servant, it shall be lawful for the Justices hearing and determining the complaint, upon the conviction of the defendant or defendants, to impose a penalty upon the defendant; or if there is more than one defendant, upon each defendant, not exceeding the sum of Fifty pounds; and if such penalty be not paid forthwith, the defendant or defendants in default shall be imprisoned, or imprisoned and kept to hard labor, if the penalty does not exceed Ten pounds, for one month; if it exceeds that sum and does not exceed Twenty-five pounds, for two months; and if it exceeds Twenty-five pounds, for three months; unless the penalty shall be sooner paid.

6 V. 5, 32 V. 8, and  
this Act to be read  
together.

3. THIS Act shall be incorporated and read together with the above recited Act, and with "The Masters and Servants Amendment Ordinance, 1868."

46 V. 11 repealed.

4. "THE Masters and Servants Amendment Act, 1882," is hereby repealed.

Commencement of  
Act.

5. THIS Act shall come into operation and take effect on and after the first day of January, 1887.

Short Title.

6. THE short title of this Act shall be "The Masters and Servants Amendment Act, 1886."

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

F. NAPIER BROOME, Governor.