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No. XV.

AN ACT to make provision for the establishment of a
Law and Parliamentary Library.

[Assented to, 29th July, 1873.]

WHEREAS certain monies are now in the hands of the Registrar of the Supreme Court which it is conceived are never likely to be claimed by the parties entitled thereto; and whereas it is considered expedient to devote such monies to the establishment of a Law and Parliamentary Library and to authorise the Governor to repay any of such sums out of the general revenue of the Colony in case that the funds at the disposal of the said Registrar should at any time hereafter be insufficient to meet the demands made upon him by reason of the application of the said monies to the establishment of a Library as aforesaid: Be it therefore enacted
by

Preamble.

Law and Parliamentary Library.

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:—

Short Title.

1 THIS Act may be cited as “The Law and Parliamentary Library Act, 1873.”

Registrar of Supreme Court to pay a certain sum into the Treasury.

2 THE Registrar of the Supreme Court shall on demand made to him in writing signed by the Governor pay to the Colonial Treasurer the sum of Four hundred and twenty-eight pounds five shillings and sevenpence.

Formation of a Library Committee.

3 THE Chief Justice and the Attorney General for the time being shall together with an elected member of the Legislative Council to be appointed in that behalf by the said Council from time to time form the Law and Parliamentary Library Committee.

Such Committee to form a Library and make rules respecting its management.

4 THE said Law and Parliamentary Library Committee shall select and purchase such books as in their discretion seem best for a Law and Parliamentary Library. They shall determine where such books when purchased shall be kept and the said books shall be deemed to be in their care and custody. They shall have power to make rules with respect to the use to be made of the same.

Certain persons to have access to the Library.

5 MEMBERS of the Executive and Legislative Council and heads of Government departments shall have access to the said books at all reasonable times; and other persons shall have access to the said books and be allowed to use them on such terms as to the said committee shall seem fit.

Authority to the Governor to authorise a certain sum to be paid for books purchased for the Library.

6 IT shall be lawful for the Governor at any time after the said sum of Four hundred and twenty-eight pounds five shillings and sevenpence shall have been paid into the Treasury as aforesaid to authorise the Colonial Treasurer to pay any sum not exceeding Four hundred and twenty-eight pounds five shillings and sevenpence for such books as the said Law and Parliamentary Library Committee shall purchase.

Governor to make good to Registrar any deficiency caused by the withdrawal of a certain sum from the Registrar.

7 IN case that it shall be made to appear to the Governor that the funds in the hands of the Registrar of the Supreme Court are insufficient by reason of the withdrawal from his hands of the said sum of Four hundred and twenty-eight pounds five

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five shillings and sevenpence to meet the demands made upon him it shall be lawful for the Governor by warrant under his hand to authorise the Treasurer to pay out of the general assets of the Colony such sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate the said sum of Four hundred and twenty eight pounds five shillings and sevenpence as may be sufficient to make good the deficiency.

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

FRED. A. WELD, Governor.