

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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No. 2

An Act to provide for the Repayment of Expenses on
account of Distressed Colonial Seamen.

[Assented to 2nd January, 1871.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the payment out of Colonial Funds of certain expenses that may be borne by Imperial and other funds on account of seamen belonging to vessels registered in the Colony of Western Australia who become distressed abroad by reason of shipwreck or other cause: 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, as follows:—

Preamble

1. It shall be lawful for the Governor from time to time, on the production of bills of the disbursements with proper vouchers, to direct payment out of the public revenues of the said Colony of any sum or sums of money which may appear to have been disbursed by or under the authority of the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council appointed for the consideration of matters relating to trade and foreign plantations, or by any British Consul or other officer, or by the Local Government of any British possession or Colony, to or on account of any seaman belonging to and who last served in vessels registered in the said Colony of Western Australia who have been shipwrecked, discharged or left behind at any place out of the said Colony from any such vessel, or who have been engaged by any person acting either as principal or agent to serve in any such vessel, and who are in distress in any place out of the said Colony.

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2. The Colonial Treasurer shall issue and pay such sum or sums of money for the purpose aforesaid as the Governor shall from time to time by warrant under his hand direct.

FREDK. A. WELD,
GOVERNOR AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.