



# WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

ANNO QUARTO & QUINTO

VICTORIÆ REGINÆ,

No. 19.

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An Act to secure the repayment in certain cases of Expenses incurred by the Local Government for the introduction of Labourers, Domestic Servants, Mechanics, and Artizans, into the Colony of Western Australia.

**W**HEREAS many respectable and industrious Labourers, Domestic Servants, Mechanics, and Artizans, have been prevented from emigrating from Great Britain and Ireland to this Colony by the great expense attendant thereon; and, whereas, it has been determined, with a view to remove the difficulty which

Do-Preamble.

All expenses incurred by the Government for the introduction of Labourers, &c., to be a debt from the Crown from such persons if about to leave the Colony.

obstructed the emigration of such persons, that certain sums should be from time advanced, and certain bounties given, by the Local Government, whereby such persons might be introduced into this Colony without expense to themselves; and, whereas, the principal motive which has induced the extension of such a boon to such persons has been the advantage likely to accrue to this Colony from their residence therein: Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Governor of Western Australia, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, that, from and after the passing of this Act, all Expenses incurred by the Government of this Colony, either in payment of the passage-money of any Labourers, Domestic Servants, Mechanics, and Artizans, or in Bounties given for the introduction of such persons, whether such Bounties be in the form of Money, or of a remission of a certain amount of money in the purchase of Land, shall be deemed and taken to be a debt to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, of and from the several persons on behalf of the introduction of whom into this Colony the same were incurred; and shall and may be sued for and recovered accordingly. Provided always, that no such debt shall be sued for or recovered from any such person, unless there be good reason to suppose he or she is about to leave this colony within the space of two years after the date of his or her arrival therein.

One year's residence to be a discharge from one moiety of such debt; two years residence a discharge from the whole debt.

II. Provided always, and be it enacted, that certain periods of residence within this Colony shall be deemed and taken to operate as discharges from certain portions, or from the whole, of such debt, in the manner, and to the extent, hereinafter stated,—that is to say, that if any such person shall have resided within this colony for the period of one full year from the date of his or her arrival therein, such person shall be deemed and taken to be discharged from one moiety of such debt, and to continue liable only to the repayment of the moiety thereof; and that if such person shall have so resided as aforesaid for the period of two full years from the date of such arrival, he or she shall be deemed and taken to be thereby wholly discharged from the said debt, and from all liabilities arising therefrom.

Monies repaid to be applied as a labour-fund.

III. AND be it enacted, that all sums of money arising from the repayment of any such debts, or of any portions thereof, as aforesaid, shall, after deducting the expenses of recovering the same, be paid into the hands of the Colonial Treasurer, to be applied to the introduction of Labourers, Domestic Servants, Mechanics and Artizans into this Colony.

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IV. AND be it enacted, that this Act may be amended or re-<sup>Act may be amended.</sup>  
pealed by any Act to be passed during the present Session.

JOHN HUTT,  
GOVERNOR.

*Passed the Legislative Council }  
the 30th day of Sept., 1841. }*

EDWARD C. SOUPER,  
Acting Clerk of the Council.