



ANNO UNDECIMO

GEORGIIV. REGIS.

No. 7.

By His Excellency Colonel GEORGE ARTHUR, Lieutenant-Governor of the Island of Van Diemen's Land and its Dependencies, with the advice of the Legislative Council.

AN ACT to provide for the Summary Discharge in certain Cases of Persons under Committal for Felony or Misdemeanor.

WHEREAS persons occasionally remain for a long time suffering Imprisonment in gaol upon charges of Felony or Misdemeanor and are afterwards discharged of course in open Court upon the motion of His Majesty's Attorney-General for want of prosecution and it is expedient for the future to provide for the more speedy discharge of persons in such cases—BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by His Excellency Colonel GEORGE ARTHUR Lieutenant-Governor of the Island of Van Diemen's Land and its Dependencies with the advice of the Legislative Council that it shall be lawful for His Majesty's Attorney-General for this Island and its Dependencies in respect of any person now or hereafter so imprisoned to grant at any time a certificate under his signature in the form to this Act annexed and the Sheriff or Gaoler in whose custody any such prisoner shall be shall upon the delivery of any such certificate to him immediately and without fee or reward discharge the prisoner therein mentioned from imprisonment in respect of the offence mentioned in the same certificate and if any such Sheriff

PREAMBLE.

Attorney-General may discharge persons by his certificate.

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or Gaoler shall refuse or neglect so to do he shall for every such offence forfeit and pay to the use of His Majesty a fine or penalty of fifty pounds to be recovered by action of debt or information in the name of His Majesty's Attorney-General in which no protection or wager of law nor more than one imparlance shall be allowed.

GEORGE ARTHUR.

Passed the Legislative Council this
twenty-fourth day of April one thousand eight hundred and thirty,

W. T. PARRAMORE, *Clerk of the Council.*

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FORM.

To *A. B.* Esquire Sheriff [or to *C. D.* Keeper of His Majesty's
Gaol at in the Island of Van Diemen's Land.]

WHEREAS *E. F.* is detained in your custody under the warrant of *G. H.* Esquire upon a charge of
And whereas I do not intend upon the evidence before me to file any Information against the said *E. F.* for the said offence you are therefore hereby authorised and required forthwith to discharge the said *E. F.* from your custody upon the said warrant.

Given under my hand this

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