

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

ANNO QUADRAGESIMO SECUNDO

VICTORIÆ REGINÆ

No. 5

An Act to make provision for the better prevention of the spread of Infectious or Contagious Diseases.

[Assented to 3rd July, 1878.]

Preamble

WHEREAS it is expedient to empower the Governor to take precautions for preventing, as far as may be practicable, the spreading in this Colony of infectious or contagious diseases, by making regulations and orders applicable to cases of emergency, arising from or relating to the breaking out or spreading of any infectious or contagious disease: 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:—

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as 'The Land Quarantine Act, 1878.'

Power to Governor in Council to make regulations or orders on breaking out of infectious diseases

2. It shall be lawful for the Governor in Council from time to time to make such regulations or orders as may seem necessary and expedient to provide for the steps to be taken in case of any infectious or contagious disease of a malignant nature breaking out or spreading in any town or district of this Colony, under circumstances which render it advisable that measures should be promptly taken for securing the public health, and also, in any case at a distance from Perth which may appear to constitute a case of special emergency, to make an order, authorising some person or persons to be named in such order to make such orders and give such directions as may seem to him or them necessary under the circumstances of the case. Any such order of the Governor in Council, as last aforesaid, shall be in force for any period not exceeding one month from the making thereof.

Time when any regulation or order shall come into operation

3. Any regulation or order of the Governor in Council, as aforesaid, shall take effect from the date of its publication in the 'Government Gazette'; and any order authorising any person as aforesaid shall, if

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transmitted by telegraph in accordance with the provisions of 'The Telegraphic Messages Act, 1874,' take effect from the publication thereof, by the person authorised thereby as aforesaid affixing the same to the door of the nearest court house or police station ; and any order made or direction given, by any such person authorised as aforesaid, shall take effect from the time of its publication in the same manner.

4. Any person knowingly or wilfully disobeying, contravening, or omitting to observe any regulation or order issued by the Governor in Council under this Act, or any order or direction duly given by any one duly authorised under order of the Governor in Council as aforesaid, shall be liable, on conviction before any two Justices, to a penalty not exceeding One hundred pounds.

Penalty for
breach of regu-
lations

H. ST. GEORGE ORD,
GOVERNOR.
