



WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

ANNO QUINTO

GULIELMI IV. REGIS,

No. 5.

An Act to regulate the Postage of Letters in in the Colony of Western Australia.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the Postage and
Conveyance of Letters in this Colony;--Be it therefore
enacted by His Excellency the Governor of Western Australia and
its Dependencies, with the Advice of the Legislative Council,
that it shall be lawful for His Excellency the Governor, or
other Officer administering the Government of the said Colony,
the time being, to settle and establish such and so many Post Offices
and Posts for the receiving, carrying and delivering Letters in the
said Colony as the Governor or Acting Governor may from time to
time deem necessary; and to settle and appoint certain Rates for the
Postage or Conveyance of Letters from one part of the colony to
another, as well as for the receiving and delivering of all Letters

Preamble.
Governor or Acting Go-
vernor empowered to es-
tablish Post Offices in the
Colony of Western Aus-
tralia,
and to appoint Rates of
Postage.

Governor, or Acting Governor, may appoint a Post Master and Deputy Post Masters in the Colony. Salaries and Allowances. which shall be brought into the said Colony by any Ship or Vessel; and it shall be lawful for the Governor or Acting Governor aforesaid, to nominate and appoint a Post Master and Deputy Post Masters in the said Colony, with such salaries, remuneration or allowances, respectively, as the Governor or Acting Governor may deem reasonable and proper.

Who are to conform to the orders or instructions of the Governor. II. AND be it further enacted, that every person so appointed Post Master or Deputy Post Master, as aforesaid, shall observe and follow all such Orders, Rules, Directions, and Instructions, for and concerning the settlement of Posts within the said Colony, and the receiving, carrying, and delivering of all Letters under this Act, as the Governor, or Acting Governor, aforesaid, shall from time to time make and ordain: And that every such Post Master, Deputy Post Master, or other person or persons, who shall wilfully open, embezzle, detain, or delay any Letter or Packet after the same shall have been delivered into any of the said Post Offices, or into the hands of any person employed for the receiving, carrying or delivering thereof, shall, for every such offence, be liable to the same pains and penalties as persons guilty of opening, embezzling or detaining any Letter delivered into the General Post Office in England respectively are liable to by the laws and statutes in such case made and provided.

They, or other persons employed who shall wilfully open, embezzle, detain, or delay any letter or packet, shall be liable to same pains and penalties as in England.

Appropriation of all rates of Postage received under this Act. III. AND be it further enacted, that all Rates of Postage and Sums received for the conveying and delivering of Letters under this Act shall be reserved to the use of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, for the public uses of this Colony, and the support of the Government thereof, to be applied in such manner as by the Governor or Acting Governor aforesaid, with the Advice of the Legislative Council, shall from time to time be directed.

JAMES STIRLING,
GOVERNOR AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

Passed the Legislative Council
this 31st day of Dec., 1834. }

PETER BROWN,
Clerk to the Council,