



ANNO DECIMO-NONO

# VICTORIÆ REGINÆ,

No. 1.



*By His Excellency SIR HENRY EDWARD FOX YOUNG, Knight,  
Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of the Island of Van  
Diemen's Land and its Dependencies, with the Advice and  
Consent of the Legislative Council.*

*AN ACT to enable the Governor to establish Houses of  
Correction under the Control of the Sheriff.*

[8th August, 1855.]

**W**HEREAS by the Second Section of the Act of Council of the PREAMBLE.  
Eighth *Victoria*, No. 16, it was enacted that the buildings at *Hobart* 8 Vict., No. 16.  
*Town* and *Launceston* respectively called Penitentiaries, used for the  
reception of transported male Offenders, and as places of punishment  
for such male Offenders; and the buildings at *Hobart Town* and  
*Launceston* respectively called Factories, used for the reception of  
transported female Offenders, and as places of punishment for such  
female Offenders, should be respectively, to all intents and purposes,  
Houses of Correction, the said Penitentiaries for males and the said  
Factories for females, and that the said Houses of Correction should  
respectively be under the order and control of the Comptroller-General  
of Convicts: And whereas it is expedient that power should be con-

ferred upon the Governor to discontinue any such building from being such House of Correction, and also to appoint and establish Houses of Correction, and Gaols and Houses of Correction, under the order and control of the Sheriff: Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Governor of Van Diemen's Land, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council, as follows:—

Governor empowered to discontinue Houses of Correction under sec. 2, 8 Vict., No. 16.

**1** It shall be lawful for the Governor, and he is hereby authorised and empowered from time to time by any Proclamation for that purpose made and published, to declare that any building at *Hobart Town* or *Launceston* which by the said second section of the said recited Act is declared to be a House of Correction under the order and control of the Comptroller-General of Convicts shall, on and after a day to be named in such Proclamation, cease to be such House of Correction; and upon any such Proclamation being so made and published as aforesaid, every such building therein mentioned shall, on and after the day so named in such Proclamation, to all intents and purposes whatsoever cease to be such House of Correction as aforesaid, anything in the said recited Act to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

Governor empowered to appoint Houses of Correction under order and control of the Sheriff.

**2** The Governor shall have power from time to time, by any Proclamation for that purpose made and published, to appoint and establish any building, or any number of buildings within the same enclosure, now or hereafter erected, as and to be, on and after a day to be named in such Proclamation, a House of Correction, or a Gaol and House of Correction, under the order and control of the Sheriff; and in like manner from time to time, by Proclamation, to discontinue any such building or enclosed buildings from being such House of Correction, or Gaol and House of Correction, as the case may be; and upon any such Proclamation being so made and published as aforesaid, every such building or enclosed buildings therein mentioned shall, on and after the day so named in such Proclamation, be a House of Correction, or a Gaol and House of Correction, under the order and control of the Sheriff, or cease to be a House of Correction, or a Gaol and House of Correction, as the case may be.

What to be deemed enclosed buildings.

**3** Where any outer wall of any one or more of any enclosed buildings forms part of the enclosure, such buildings shall, notwithstanding, be deemed to be buildings within the same enclosure for the purposes of this Act.

Class and sex of Offenders for which such Houses of Correction intended may be specified in Proclamation.

**4** It shall be lawful for the Governor, in any such Proclamation appointing and establishing any such House of Correction, or Gaol and House of Correction, as last aforesaid, to declare that such House of Correction, or Gaol and House of Correction, as the case may be, shall be for the exclusive reception and punishment of any specified class or sex of Offenders; and in any case in which no such declaration shall be so made, such House of Correction, or Gaol and House of Correction, as the case may be, shall be a House of Correction, or Gaol and House of Correction, for the reception and punishment of all classes and both sexes of Offenders.

Provisions of 8 Vict., No. 16, applied to Houses of Correction under order of the Sheriff.

**5** All Provisions in the said recited Act contained applicable to any Gaol under the order and control of the Sheriff shall equally apply and extend to any House of Correction, or Gaol and House of Correction, appointed and established under this Act.

**6** This Act, and the said Act of Council of the Eighth *Victoria*, No. 16, and the Act of Council of the Eleventh *Victoria*, No. 5, and also the Act of Council of the Sixteenth *Victoria*, No. 20, shall be read and construed together as one and the same Act.

This Act and 8 Vict., No. 16, 11 Vict., No. 5, and 16 Vict., No. 20, to be read together.

**7** In referring to this Act, and the Acts of Council of the Eighth *Victoria*, No. 16, and the Eleventh *Victoria*, No. 5, and the Sixteenth *Victoria*, No. 20, or to any or either of the said Acts, it shall be sufficient to use the expression "*The Prisons Regulation Act.*"

Short Title.

MICHAEL FENTON, *Speaker.*

Passed the Legislative Council this first day of August, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five.

FR. HARTWELL HENSLOWE,  
*Clerk of the Council.*

In the name and on the behalf of Her Majesty I assent to this Act.

H. E. F. YOUNG,  
*Governor.*

*Government House, Hobart Town,  
8th August, 1855.*

