



WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

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AN ACT to prevent the enticing away the Girls of the
Aboriginal race from School, or from any service in which
they are employed.

[1st August 1844.]

WHEREAS laudable efforts have been made to introduce Preamble.
Christianity and civilization amongst the Aboriginal race
of this colony by instructing their youths of both sexes in schools,
and admitting them as domestic servants into families of the Colo-
nists; and whereas it is expedient to provide a remedy against
mischievous and evil disposed persons enticing away the girls of that
race either from the schools in which they are kept, or from the
houses in which they are employed:—Be it therefore enacted, by
His Excellency the Governor of Western Australia and its Depen-
dencies, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative
Council thereof, that from and after the passing of this Act, any
person who shall be convicted before any two or more Justices of the
Peace of this colony, of having enticed or persuaded any girl of the
Aboriginal

Any person convicted of
having enticed any girl of
the Aboriginal race from
school, or from service, to
forfeit a sum not exceeding
£2 for the first offence, and
£5 for the second or any
subsequent offence.

Native Girls.

Aboriginal race to leave any school without the previous consent of a Protector of Aborigines, or of the Master or Mistress of such school, or the service in which she has been engaged, without the previous consent of her master or mistress, shall forfeit and pay any sum not exceeding Two Pounds for the first offence, and Five Pounds for the second or any subsequent offence, to be recovered according to the provisions of an Act of the Legislative Council of this Colony passed in the seventh year of the reign of Her present Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled *An Act to regulate summary proceedings before Justices of the Peace.*

Limitation of prosecutions. **2.** AND be it enacted, that all informations and proceedings in respect of offences against this Act shall be commenced within three calendar months after the offences thereby respectively charged shall have been committed.

Appeal. **3.** AND be it enacted, that any person who shall think himself aggrieved by any judgment or conviction under this Act may appeal to the next Court of Quarter Sessions.

Act may be amended. **4.** AND be it enacted, that this Act may be altered, amended, or repealed by any Act to be passed during this present Session.

JOHN HUTT,

GOVERNOR AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.



*Passed the Legislative Council, }
the 1st day of August, 1844. }*

EDWARD C. SOUPER,
Clerk of the Council.

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