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An Act to enable the Sheriff to appoint a Deputy to perform the duties of his office in the Northern Territory, and for other purposes.

[Assented to, 6th November, 1874.]

HEREAS it is desirable to make provision enabling the Sheriff Preamble. of South Australia to appoint a Deputy to perform the duties of his office in the Northern Territory—Be it therefore Enacted by the Governor of the Province of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of the said Province, in this present Parliament assembled, as follows:

1. In the construction of this Act the words "Northern Terri- Definition of the tory" shall mean that portion of the Province of South Australia Territory." lying to the north of the twenty-sixth parallel of south latitude.

2. The Governor may authorize the Sheriff of the Province, by Appointment o warrant under the hand of such Sheriff, to appoint a Deputy to perform the duties of the office of Sheriff in the Northern Territory, for such period as in such warrant shall be named, and the person so appointed as Deputy shall, during the time for which he is so appointed, have and exercise all the powers and discharge all the duties of the said office within the said Territory in as full a manner as the Sheriff for the time being could or might: Provided always, that the said Sheriff may, with the authority as aforesaid, at any time revoke the appointment of any such Deputy: provided also, that the Sheriff shall not be liable for the acts or defaults of any Deputy so appointed, but every such Deputy shall

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be liable for his own acts and defaults, and for the acts and defaults of his sub-officers, as if he were a principal Sheriff.

Provision for telegraphing contents of precept, &c.

3. Whenever any precept under "The Third Judge and District Courts Act," or any amendment thereof, shall issue to the Sheriff directing and requiring him to summon a jury, it shall be the duty of the Sheriff to cause to be transmitted by electric telegraph to the said Deputy a copy of such precept, and the names and residences of the Jurors to be summoned taken from the Jurors' Book for the Supreme Court of the said Province, and upon the receipt of such copy the said Deputy shall perform such acts, and shall exercise and become liable to the same rights and duties in respect thereof as the said Sheriff would have had to perform, exercise, and become liable to on receipt of the said precept if this Act had not been passed, and the said copy received by the said Deputy shall have the same force and effect as the original precept.

Jurors' rolls.

4. The Sheriff shall cause to be forwarded to his deputy a list of the names of all persons liable to serve as jurors at any sittings of the said District Court in the Northern Territory, and also a list of men qualified and liable to serve as special jurymen at such Court, and shall duly certify the same to be correct; and such lists so transmitted shall, in the Northern Territory, have the same force and effect as, and be deemed to be, the jurors' book and special jurors' list respectively, provided for by the Jury Act, 1862."

Short title.

5. This Act may be cited as "The Northern Territory Deputy Sheriff's Act, 1874."

In the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, I hereby assent to this Bill.

A. MUSGRAVE, Governor.