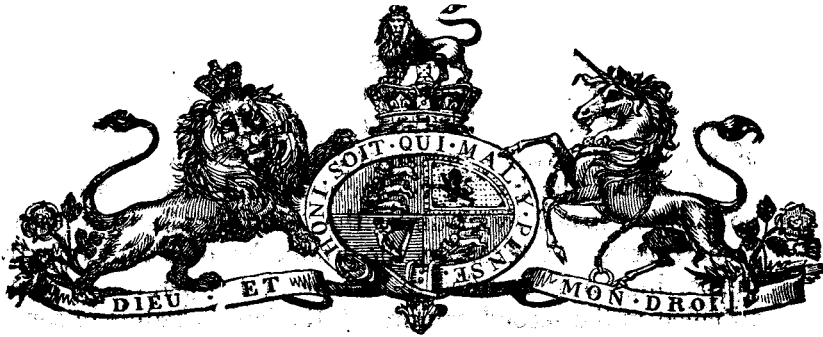


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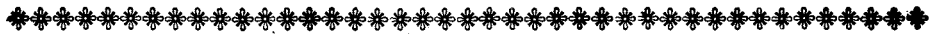


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No. 10.



AN ACT to amend the Law relating to, Docu- A D. 1874.
mentary Evidence in certain Cases.

[18 September, 1874.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Law relating to Docu- PREAMBLE.
mentary Evidence :

Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Governor of *Tasmania*,
by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House
of Assembly, in Parliament assembled, as follows :—

1 *Primâ facie* evidence of any proclamation, order, or regulation, **Mode of proving**
or of any appointment issued or made, before or after the commence- **certain documents.**
ment of this Act, by the Governor, or by the Governor with the advice
of the Executive Council ; also of any notification issued or made before
or after the commencement of this Act by or under the authority of any
such Department of the Government or Officer as is mentioned in the
First column of the Schedule hereto, may be given in all Courts of
Justice and in all legal proceedings whatsoever, in all or any of the
modes hereinafter mentioned ; that is to say—

1. By the production of a copy of the *Gazette* purporting to
contain such proclamation, order, regulation, appointment, or
notification.
2. By the production of a copy of such proclamation, order, regu-
lation, or notification purporting to be printed by the Govern-
ment Printer.

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3. By the production, in the case of any proclamation, order, regulation, or appointment issued or made by the Governor, or by the Governor with the advice of the Executive Council, of a copy or extract purporting to be certified to be true by the Clerk of the Executive Council; and in the case of any notification issued by or under the authority of any of the said Departments or Officers by the production of a copy or extract purporting to be certified to be true by the person or persons specified in the second column of the said Schedule in connection with such Department or Officer.

Any copy or extract made in pursuance of this Act may be in print or in writing, or partly in print and partly in writing.

No proof shall be required of the handwriting or official position of any person certifying, in pursuance of this Act, to the truth of any copy of or extract from any proclamation, order, regulation, or notification.

Mode of proving bye-laws.

- 2 *Prima facie* evidence of any Bye-law made by any competent authority may be given in all Courts of Justice, and in all legal proceedings whatsoever, by the production of a copy of the *Gazette* purporting to contain such Bye-laws.

Printing false documents and uttering same, or false certificates, felony.

- 3 If any person commits any of the offences following; that is to say,—

1. Prints any copy of any proclamation, order, regulation, or notification which falsely purports to have been printed by the Government Printer, or tenders in evidence any copy of any proclamation, order, regulation, or notification which falsely purports to have been printed as aforesaid, knowing that the same was not so printed; or
2. Forges or tenders in evidence, knowing the same to have been forged, any certificate by this Act authorised to be annexed to a copy of or extract from any proclamation, order, regulation, or notification,

he shall be guilty of felony, and shall, on conviction, be liable to be imprisoned for any term not exceeding Four years.

Interpretation.

- 4 In this Act, unless the context otherwise determines,—

“Government Printer” means the printer authorised by the Governor to print the *Gazette* and all Acts of the Legislature of this Colony :

“Gazette” means *The Hobart Town Gazette*.

Act to be cumulative.

- 5 The provisions of this Act shall be deemed to be in addition to, and not in derogation of, any powers of proving documents given by any Act of the Legislature of this Colony or existing at Common Law.

Short title.

- 6 This Act may be cited as “The Documentary Evidence Act, 1874.”

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SCHEDULE.

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<i>Name of Department or Officer.</i>	<i>Names of Certifying Officer.</i>
Colonial Secretary	Assistant Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Treasurer	Assistant Colonial Treasurer.
Attorney-General	The Clerk to the Attorney-General.
Minister of Lands and Works	A Deputy Commissioner of Crown Lands.
Postmaster-General	The Secretary to the General Post Office.

