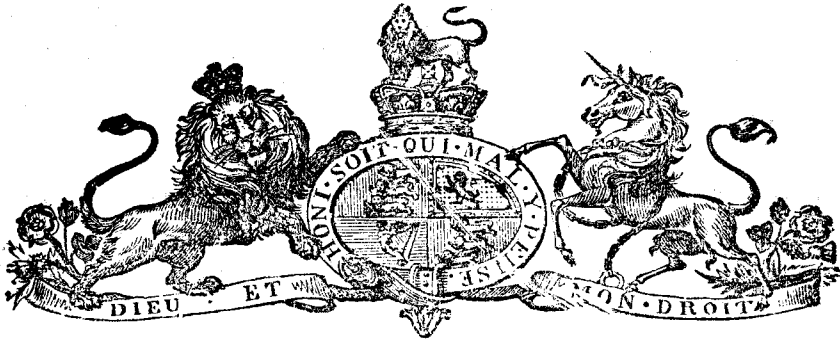


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VICTORIÆ REGINÆ,

No. 15.

AN ACT to facilitate the Collection of Statistical Information. A.D. 1877.
[11 December, 1877.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to make provision for facilitating the collection of Statistical information for public purposes : PREAMBLE.

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 In this Act—

Interpretation.

“The Statistician” means the officer appointed by the Governor in Council to collect the Statistical information of the Colony of *Tasmania* :

“Collector” means a person employed by or under the Statistician in collecting statistical information.

2 For the purpose of collecting and publishing Statistical information for public purposes it shall be lawful for the Statistician to deliver to such persons as he sees fit such forms as he deems necessary, the same having been first approved of by the Governor in Council, for procuring such information as aforesaid, in order that such forms may be filled up by such persons ; and such forms shall specify the nature of the information required by the Statistician ; and such persons shall, within One calendar month after the delivery of such forms, fill up or cause to be filled up the same with such information to the best of their knowledge, information, and belief. Statistician may forward forms to such persons as he sees fit.

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Penalty for neglecting or refusing to supply information, &c.

3 If any person—

1. Refuses or wilfully neglects to fill up or cause to be filled up to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief any form relating to the Statistics of the Colony which may be duly delivered to him under the Second Section of this Act within One calendar month after the same shall be delivered to him :
2. Writes or inserts, or causes to be written or inserted, in any such form anything knowing the same to be false :
3. Refuses or wilfully neglects to return to the Statistician, or to the collector of the district in which such person resides, within One calendar month after such form shall have been delivered to him, any such form filled up to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief :

he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding Ten Pounds.

For the purposes of this Section a form shall be deemed to have been “delivered” to any person if such form shall have been delivered personally to such person by a collector or his agent, or if such form shall be left at the usual or last known place of abode of such person, or if the same shall be forwarded by post addressed to such person at his usual or last known place of abode.

Penalty on Collectors divulging information.

4 If any collector or any person employed in collecting or compiling such Statistics divulges or publishes any information obtained under this Act, except under the direction and by the authority of the Statistician, he shall for every such offence be liable to a penalty not exceeding Ten Pounds.

Returning Officers to furnish information as to Electoral Rolls.
21 Vict. No. 32, s. 35.

5 The Chairman of every Court of Revision held under *The Electoral Act* shall, after every revision of the List of Electors for the District in respect of which such Court of Revision is held, instead of transmitting such list to the Clerk of the Peace, as required by the Thirty-fifth Section of the said Act, deliver the same to the Returning Officer of such District, who shall prepare from the same a return in the form in Schedule (1), and shall forward such return, with the List of Electors, to the Clerk of the Peace on or before the Thirty-first day of *March* in every year ; and if he shall fail so to do he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding Ten Pounds.

And as to Contested Elections.

6 The Returning Officer of every Electoral District shall, so soon as may be after every Contested Election in such District, prepare and forward to the Statistician a return in the form in the Schedule (2) ; and every Returning Officer who fails or neglects to forward such return within Fourteen days after the holding of such election shall forfeit and pay a penalty not exceeding Ten Pounds.

Municipal accounts—penalty for not rendering.
39 Vict. No. 11.

7 If the Municipal Council of any Rural Municipality fails to forward to the Colonial Auditor the statement and account mentioned in the Second Section of “The Audit Act, No. 2,” before the Thirty-first day of *March* in any year, the Treasurer of such Rural Municipality shall for every such failure be liable to a penalty not exceeding Twenty Pounds.

Penalty on Road Trusts for not furnishing accounts.
39 Vict. No. 11.

8 If the Trustees of any Road District fail to forward to the Colonial Auditor the statement and account mentioned in the Fifth Section of “The Audit Act, No. 2,” before the Thirty-first day of *March* in any year, the Treasurer of the said Trustees shall for every such failure be liable to a penalty not exceeding Twenty Pounds.

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9 If the statements and accounts mentioned in the Seventh and Eighth Sections of this Act, or if the whole or any part of any information which may from time to time be required by the Statistician to be furnished to him by the Municipal Council of any Rural Municipality, or by the Trustees of any Road District, be not duly furnished by such Municipal Council or Trustees respectively to the Colonial Auditor or the Statistician as the case may be, or if the information furnished by such Municipal Council or Trustees to the Statistician be deemed by him to be incorrect in any material particular, the Governor in Council may appoint a collector to procure such information ; and such collector shall have access to all books, papers, and records in which such information may be or may be suspected to be contained ; and any person refusing to permit such books, papers, or records to be inspected or used for such purpose, or obstructing any such collector in inspecting or using the same, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding Twenty Pounds.

There shall be payable to any collector appointed as aforesaid such remuneration as to the Governor in Council seems just.

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Returns not furnished by Rural Municipalities and Road Trusts may be prepared by persons specially appointed.

10 All sums of money paid to any person under the preceding Section may be deducted by the Colonial Treasurer from any moneys which may then be or may at any time thereafter become payable to the Municipal Council or Trustees failing or neglecting to furnish the information which any collector mentioned in the Ninth Section of this Act shall have been appointed to procure.

Moneys may be deducted from sums payable to Municipal Council or Road Trust.

11 If the General Statement mentioned in Sections Twelve and Thirteen of *The Friendly Societies Act* is not transmitted by the officer of any Friendly Society who shall keep the books and accounts of such Society, to the Clerk of the Peace before the last day of February in any year, such officer shall for every neglect so to do be liable to a penalty not exceeding Five Pounds.

Penalty for not filing Returns of Friendly Societies. 19 Vict. No. 26.

12 All offences against this Act shall be heard and determined, and all penalties be recovered, in a summary way in the mode prescribed by *The Magistrates Summary Procedure Act*.

Penalties to be recovered in a summary way.

13 Every penalty recovered under this Act shall be paid into the Colonial Treasury and form part of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

Appropriation of penalties.

14 This Act may be cited as "The Statistical Returns Act, 1877."

Short title.

SCHEDULE.**(1.)**

RETURN showing the Number of Electors whose Names were on the Electoral Roll before the last Revision, the Number whose Names were struck off or added, and the Number whose Names were remaining on the Roll after such Revision.

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Electoral District.	Date of holding Court of Revision.	Number on Roll before Revision.	Number struck off the Roll.	Number added to the Roll.	Number on Roll after Revision.

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Sect. 6.

*RETURN showing the Number of Votes recorded, and of Informal Ballot Papers,
at the contested Election for the Electoral District of _____
held on _____.*

Number of Votes recorded.	Number of Informal Ballot Papers.

Returning Officer