

## No. XV.

### An Act for the temporary Regulation of the <sup>HULKS REGULATION.</sup> Hulk or Floating Prison in Sydney Harbour. [10th August, 1825.]

WHEREAS in consequence of the inadequacy of the public gaol <sup>Preamble.</sup> in Sydney to the present state of the Colony His Excellency the Governor has provided a Hulk or Floating Prison for the reception and safe keeping of prisoners and it is expedient that the same should be regulated and placed under the management of persons to be appointed by His Excellency the Governor until further provision shall be made Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales with the advice of the Council that the Hulk or <sup>The Hulk *Phoenix* to be used as a</sup> Floating Prison in Sydney harbour commonly called the *Phoenix* <sup>public prison for</sup> shall and may be used as a public prison for the reception and safe <sup>criminals.</sup> keeping of all prisoners convicted and sentenced for crimes by any competent Court in New South Wales and such prisoners shall be subject and liable to such and the like rules regulations and discipline as prisoners confined in the public gaol in Sydney now are subject and liable to.

2. And be it further enacted That it shall be lawful for His Excellency the Governor to appoint a superintendent or overseer and other necessary officers and persons in and for the said Hulk or Floating Prison and such superintendent or overseer shall have and exercise in the said Hulk or Floating Prison such and the like powers and authority as are by law incident to the office of a sheriff or gaoler Provided always that it shall be lawful for His Excellency the Governor by warrant under his hand and seal directed to the Sheriff of New South Wales (in which said warrant shall be specified the name or names of the prisoner or prisoners intended to be removed and the offence or offences for which he or they may have been sentenced) at any time or times to order and direct the removal of any prisoner or prisoners convicted and sentenced as aforesaid from the gaol in Sydney to the said Hulk or Floating Prison and in every such case the sheriff or gaoler aforesaid shall deliver over the prisoner or prisoners specified in such warrant together with a copy of the warrant or order of his or their commitment and thereupon shall be released from all further responsibility as to the safe keeping of every such prisoner so removed.

3. And be it further enacted That this Law or Ordinance shall be <sup>Act to continue in force until 1st January 1826.</sup> and continue in force until the first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-six.