

No. IV.

An Act for ascertaining the Number Names and Condition of the Inhabitants of the Colony of New South Wales and also the Number of Cattle and the Quantity of located cleared and cultivated Land within the said Colony.

[30th June, 1828.]

CENSUS.

WHEREAS it is expedient that provision should be made for Preamble. ascertaining the number names ages and conditions of the Inhabitants within the Territory of New South Wales as also the number of Cattle and the quantity of located cleared and cultivated Land respectively within the said Territory Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales and its Dependencies with the advice of the Legislative Council thereof that as soon as may be after the passing of this Act the Magistrates of the said Territory in their respective Districts shall cause general notices to be affixed on the several churches chapels and market houses or on such other conspicuous places as they may deem proper within the said Territory requiring every householder employer of servants owner or possessor of cattle proprietor or occupier of land therein to be prepared when called upon by such person or persons as may be appointed by the said Magistrates in their respective districts to collect the imformation sought to be obtained by this Act at a period not less than one calendar month from the time of the so affixing of such aforesaid general notices to answer all each and every of the questions set forth at the foot of this Act.

2. And be it further enacted That in case it shall be made appear to any two or more of such aforesaid Magistrates that any householder employer of servants owner or possessor of cattle proprietor or occupier of land within the said Territory shall have when so called upon as aforesaid wrongfully refused or neglected to answer any of such aforesaid questions or shall have wilfully answered the same or any of them falsely or untruly in either of such cases it shall be

Magistrates to cause general notices to be affixed in their respective districts preparatory to taking of Census.

Magistrates authorized to impose a fine on persons neglecting to answer truly the questions put to them in pursuance of this Act.

*Hulk and Houses of Correction.***Fine how leviable.**

be competent for such last aforesaid Magistrates to impose a fine at their discretion not exceeding Ten Pounds on the party so offending which said fine shall be levied by distress and sale of such parties goods and chattels and shall be applied towards defraying the expenses of carrying this Act into execution.

QUESTIONS REFERRED TO IN THE PRECEDING ACT.

What are the respective names ages and conditions of the persons residing with you in your dwelling-house?

What are the respective names ages conditions and residences of all such other persons as may be in your service or employment?

Specify the respective years and ships in and by which all of such aforesaid persons as originally came to the Colony prisoners of the Crown arrived.

What are the respective number of horses horned cattle and sheep of which you are the owner and in whose possession and in what district are the same respectively?

What is the number of acres of land of which you are the proprietor in what district is the same how much thereof is cleared and how much cultivated and in whose possession is the same?