

No. XLVII.

An Act to transfer certain duties with respect to the printing and publishing of Books and Newspapers from the office of the Colonial Secretary to that of the Supreme Court. [12th October, 1849.]

NEWSPAPERS
REGULATION.

WHEREAS an Act was passed by the Governor and Legislative Council of New South Wales in the eighth year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Fourth intituled “*An Act for preventing the mischiefs arising from the printing and publishing Newspapers and Papers of a like nature by persons not known and for regulating the printing and publication of such Papers in other respects and also for restraining the abuses arising from the publication of blasphemous and seditious Libels*” which Act was amended by certain other Acts of the said Governor and Council passed in the second and fifth years of Her present Majesty’s reign respectively And whereas by the said recited Act as so amended certain affidavits or affirmations are directed to be taken and made before and delivered to the Colonial Secretary for the time being of the said Colony and certain other matters and things touching newspapers and other papers therein mentioned are therein required to be done by the said Colonial Secretary And whereas by a certain other Act of the said Governor and Council passed in the eighth year of the reign of His said late Majesty intituled “*An Act for preventing the printing and publishing of Books and Papers by persons not known*” it is enacted that every person having any printing press or types for printing shall cause a notice thereof to be delivered to the Colonial Secretary for the time being who is by the said Act required to register and file the same and to grant to the person giving such notice a certificate of such notice having been so delivered And whereas it is expedient to make other provision in respect of the several matters aforesaid Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof That after the first day of January now next every affidavit and affirmation notice newspaper or other paper and document which by the said recited Acts or any of them is required to be taken or made before or delivered to the said Colonial Secretary or some person on his behalf shall in lieu thereof be taken or made before and delivered to the Registrar of the Supreme Court of New South Wales or the Chief Clerk in his office or where the newspaper or other paper to which such affidavit or affirmation relates is published or to be published or the printing press or types for printing is or are used or to be used within the District of Port Phillip to the Deputy Registrar of the Supreme Court there or his First Clerk and every affidavit and affirmation taken made or delivered to the said Registrar or to the said Deputy Registrar (as the case may require) or to their said clerks respectively and every certified copy of any affidavit or affirmation under the hand of such Registrar or Deputy Registrar and every paper or document delivered in accordance with the provisions of this Act and every notice relating to any printing press or types for printing so delivered as aforesaid and every certificate granted by the said Registrar or Deputy Registrar (as the case may require) of the due delivery of such notice shall respectively

Preamble.

8 Geo. IV. No. 2.

2 Vic. No. 20 and 5
Vic. No. 19.

Certain affidavits
required by them.

8 Geo. IV. No. 5.

Duties under the
said several Acts
transferred to the
Registrar of the
Supreme Court and
Deputy Registrar at
Port Phillip.

Newspapers Regulation.

have the like force and effect and be subject to the like conditions in all respects as if the same respectively had been taken or made before and delivered to or granted by the Colonial Secretary.

Signed newspapers
need not hereafter be
delivered.

2. Provided always and be it enacted That after the said first day of January next it shall not be necessary for any person to deliver or send any signed or other copy of any newspaper or other paper of a like nature or to cause the same to be delivered or sent either to the Colonial Secretary or his office or to the said Registrar or Deputy Registrar or the office of either of them anything in the said recited Acts or any of them or in this Act notwithstanding.

Penalties for false
swearing or for
negligence.

3. And be it enacted That any person who shall knowingly and wilfully insert in any such affidavit or affirmation a false statement as to any material thing or shall knowingly and wilfully omit to insert therein any material thing and every person who shall wilfully or negligently omit to perform any matter or thing in the manner prescribed by this Act which by the said recited Acts or any of them is required to be done or performed shall be liable to the like penalties in all respects as are imposed for the like offence or default by the said first recited Act and all pecuniary penalties incurred under this Act shall be levied and applied in the manner as by the said first recited Act is directed.