

No. XVIII.

JURY LAWS.

An Act further to amend the Jury Act. [2nd October, 1854.]

Preamble.

11 Vic. No. 20.

Number of Jurors
to be summoned.

Qualification of
Special Jurors.

Mistakes in names
may be corrected.

WHEREAS the Jury Act of eleventh Victoria number twenty requires further amendment Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof as follows:—

1. In every precept for summoning Jurors to attend in the Supreme Court or in any Circuit Court it shall be lawful for the Judge issuing the same if he shall think fit to require the Sheriff to summon any number of Jurors not being more than four times the number to be impanelled upon any one trial.

2. In correcting the Jury Lists it shall be lawful for the Justices in Petty Sessions (if they shall see fit) to designate therein as an "Esquire" any person who by courtesy is ordinarily so designated although not in law entitled to that designation.

3. The Sheriff on shewing to the satisfaction of a Judge that the name or description of any Juror has been mistaken may by the leave of such Judge in writing cause the mistake to be corrected and the party to be thereafter summoned by his right name and description

Provided

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Provided that in every such case there be no question as to the identity in fact of the Juror.

4. The Judges shall have power from time to time to make general rules touching the payment of the fees now payable by law for Juries and the refunding of such fees where the cause shall not be tried and such rules from time to time to alter as there may be occasion.

5. Whenever any fine shall be imposed on any Juror for non-attendance at any Circuit Court a summons may forthwith (or at any time afterwards) be issued under the hand of the presiding Judge calling on the Juror to shew cause to the Supreme Court on some day to be named why execution should not issue for such fine and the like proceedings as far as may be shall be taken in every such case as may be now taken after a schedule or return of fines made up and filed as at present. Provided that to every such summons a note shall be subjoined that cause may shewn by affidavit sworn before a Justice of the Peace or Commissioner and transmitted by post to the Prothonotary.

6. The precepts for the making out of the several Jury Lists shall in future be issued in the second week of the month of October and the lists be made out in the second third and fourth weeks of the month of November and corrected in the second week of the month of December and a fair copy thereof required for the Sheriff be transmitted to him on or before the last day of December and the bailiffs of the Sheriff acting in the several Jurors' Districts shall attend the Petty Sessions in their respective districts (on notice in that behalf from the Clerk of the Bench) and there afford to the Justices all such information touching the names residences and business of the persons mentioned in the lists as it may be in the power of such bailiffs to afford.

7. The form of precept to the Chief Constable mentioned in Schedule A of the Jury Act of eleventh Victoria number twenty shall be altered in accordance with the preceding enactment and shall require him to make out a list of Jurors liable to serve only and no copy of such list need be affixed to any Court House or other door but on the principal door of every Court House and Police Office in his district the Chief Constable having made out any such list shall affix a notice on the last Saturday in November in the form contained in the Schedule hereto.

SCHEDULE.

JURY LIST FOR 185 .

NOTICE is hereby given that I have caused a list to be made out of persons within the Jurors' District for [place] liable to serve as Jurors either Special or Common during the year 185 and that a copy of such list lies for inspection in the Office of the Clerk of the Bench in Street in this City (or Town) and that the Justices in Petty Sessions will on *Tuesday* the day of December next at the Police Office in Street proceed to examine and correct the said list when all persons having any objection to offer thereto may attend if they shall think fit.

Saturday
— November 185 .

A. B.
Chief Constable.