

No. XVI.

An Act to remove doubts as to the validity of certain agreements for the engagement of persons to serve in the Police Force. [*2nd October, 1855.*]

POLICE
ENGAGEMENTS.

WHEREAS by the Act of Council seventeenth Victoria number thirty provision was made for the engagement in Great Britain and Ireland of persons to serve in the Police Force of New South Wales by Agents duly authorized for that purpose And it was provided by the said Act that upon any such person agreeing with any such Agent for such service the person so engaging and the said Agent should respectively sign an agreement in writing in the form or to the effect specified in the Schedule to the said Act And whereas divers persons were sometime since engaged in Great Britain and Ireland for such service by an Agent duly authorized and thereupon signed agreements pursuant to the said Act but such agreements were not signed by such Agent And whereas the said persons were furnished by the Government of New South Wales with a free passage to this Colony and

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and upon their arrival were duly appointed by the Inspector General of Police to serve in the Police Force And whereas doubts have been raised as to the legal effect of such agreements but nevertheless many of such persons have since their arrival agreed to enter upon the said service in pursuance of the said original agreements and it is expedient to remove such doubts in reference to such of the said persons as have entered or shall hereafter enter into the said Police Force under the said agreements and appointments and to secure to them the full benefit of their said agreements Be it enacted by His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof as follows :—

Agreements between persons engaged in the United Kingdom for the Police Force and Agents appointed to engage the same to be valid although the signature of the Agent may have been omitted.

Proviso as to persons who have refused to enter the Police Force in pursuance of such agreements.

Every such agreement as hereinbefore mentioned shall with reference to every such person who has entered or shall hereafter enter into service in the Police Force under any such engagement and appointment as hereinbefore mentioned be as binding and valid to all intents and purposes and create the same rights and liabilities for and against the Government of New South Wales and such persons respectively as if the said agreement had been duly signed in Great Britain or Ireland by the said Agent at the time of the engagement of such person by him as aforesaid or at the time of the signing of the said agreements by such persons respectively Provided always that nothing in this Act shall be construed to alter lessen or diminish the liability of any of the said persons who have refused or shall refuse to enter into the service of the Police Force in pursuance of the said agreements and of their said appointments.