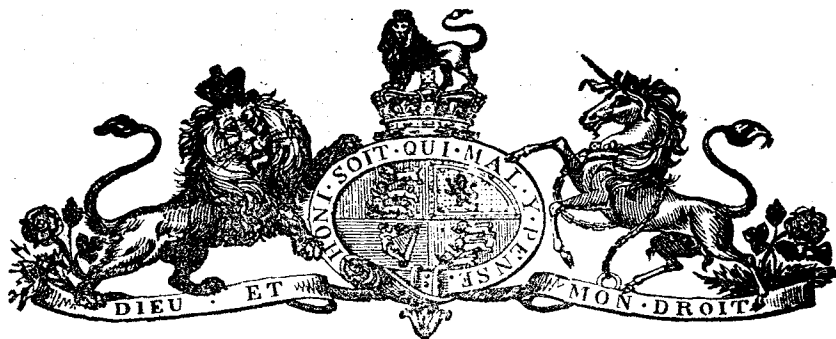


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1857.

ANNO VICESIMO-PRIMO

VICTORIÆ REGINÆ,

No. 12.



AN ACT to abolish the Office of Master of the Supreme Court. [4 December, 1857.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to abolish the Office of Master of the Supreme Court: Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Governor of *Tasmania*, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled, as follows:—

1 The Office of Master of the Supreme Court is hereby abolished, and all the powers and duties heretofore vested in, and performed by, the Master, excepting those relating to the Taxation of Bills of Costs, are hereby transferred to the Judges of the Supreme Court respectively: Provided that it shall be lawful for the Court from time to time, as occasion may require, or by any General Rule or Order, to direct that any Matters which the Court shall deem to be rather of a Ministerial than of a Judicial character, or mere matters of detail, or not of sufficient importance to be disposed of by a Judge, shall be disposed of by such Officer or other person as the Court may think fit to direct.

PREAMBLE.
Office of Master abolished, and powers transferred to Judges.

Provided that Judges may direct mere matters of detail to be disposed of by other Officers.

U. to H. C. No 26 see Genl. Order 1 Aug. 1857.

Registrar of the
Court to be
Taxing Officer.

2 The Registrar of the Supreme Court for the time being is hereby appointed the Taxing Officer thereof, and shall have all the powers, and perform the duties, heretofore vested in and performed by the Master in reference to the Taxation of Bills of Costs.

Matters pending
before Master
transferred to
Judge or Officer.

3 Any matters depending before the Master of the Supreme Court at the time this Act takes effect shall, according to the nature of the business, be transferred either to one of the Judges or to one of the Officers of the Court as the Court or a Judge may direct, and the Judge or Officer to whom any matter is so transferred is hereby authorised and required to dispose of the same.

Repeal of 4 Vict.
No. 1.

4 This Act shall commence and take effect on the 1st of *January*, 1858, on which day the Act of Council 4 *Victoria*, No. 1, shall be repealed.