

Legislative Council.

39^o VICTORIÆ, 1876.

A BILL

To amend the Law respecting Apprentices.

[SIR ALFRED STEPHEN ;—8 *June*, 1876.]

WHEREAS by the second section of the Act passed in the eighth Preamble.
year of Her Majesty numbered two for regulating and 8 Vic. No. 2.
amending the Law of Orphan and other Apprentices in this Colony it
is provided that no apprentice shall be bound to serve as such after
5 attaining the age of twenty-one years and it is expedient in respect of
certain apprenticeships to repeal such provision and otherwise to amend
the said Act Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent
Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council
and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled
10 and by the authority of the same as follows:—

1. Whenever any male infant being not less than fourteen years Certain apprentice-
of age shall with the consent of his father (or of his mother if the father ships may continue
be dead) become bound by indenture to serve a master as his appren- after full age.
tice in any trade or business or in husbandry which such master
15 shall by the same indenture bind himself to teach his apprentice and
the term of apprenticeship shall not exceed seven years—such appren-
ticeship and binding shall continue in force during that term although
the apprentice may before the expiry thereof attain his full age—the
proviso in the second section of the recited Act notwithstanding.

Consent of parents
&c.

2. Such consent as aforesaid shall be testified by the execution of the indenture by the parent as well as by the infant and every such indenture shall be executed in duplicate and where the father is alive or supposed so to be but shall not be accessible by reason of absence or otherwise the mother may with the approval of a Police Magistrate consent to the apprenticeship and may execute the indenture accordingly and if both parents be dead the infant's guardian if there be one and if none then any Police Magistrate may so consent and may execute such indenture. 5

Facilitating proofs as
to apprenticeship.

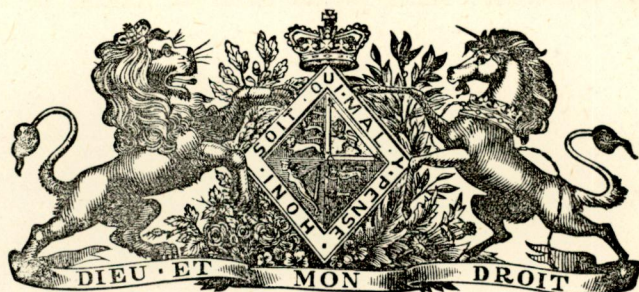
3. Except in so far as the recited Act of the eighth year of Her Majesty is altered by the preceding provisions the same shall apply to every indenture and apprenticeship under this Act and to every apprentice and master bound by any such indenture and in every case the apprentice in the absence of evidence to the contrary shall be taken to be of the age stated in the indenture and where executed by a Police Magistrate or by the apprentice's mother with the approval of a Police Magistrate the indenture shall *primâ facie* be taken to be valid. 10 15

This PUBLIC BILL originated in the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 5th July, 1876. }

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

New South Wales.



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VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

No. .

An Act to amend the Law respecting Apprentices.

WHEREAS by the second section of the Act passed in the eighth year of Her Majesty numbered two for regulating and amending the Law of Orphan and other Apprentices in this Colony it is provided that no apprentice shall be bound to serve as such after attaining the age of twenty-one years and it is expedient in respect of certain apprenticeships to repeal such provision and otherwise to amend the said Act Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows:—

1. Whenever any male infant shall with the consent of his father (or of his mother if the father be dead) become bound by indenture to serve a master as his apprentice in any trade or business or in husbandry which such master shall by the same indenture bind himself to teach his apprentice and the term of apprenticeship shall not exceed seven years—such apprenticeship and binding shall continue in force during that term although the apprentice may before the expiry thereof attain his full age—the proviso in the second section of the recited Act notwithstanding Provided that no such apprenticeship shall extend beyond the age of twenty-three years.

Preamble.
8 Vic. No. 2.

Certain apprentice-
ships may continue
after full age.

Apprenticeship Law Amendment.

2. Such consent as aforesaid shall be testified by the execution of the indenture by the parent as well as by the infant and every such indenture shall be executed in duplicate and where the father is alive or supposed so to be but shall not be accessible by reason of absence or otherwise the mother may with the approval of a Police Magistrate consent to the apprenticeship and may execute the indenture accordingly and if both parents be dead the infant's guardian if there be one and if none then any Police Magistrate may so consent and may execute such indenture. Consent of parents &c.
- 10 3. Except in so far as the recited Act of the eighth year of Her Majesty is altered by the preceding provisions the same shall apply to every indenture and apprenticeship under this Act and to every apprentice and master bound by any such indenture and in every case the apprentice in the absence of evidence to the contrary shall be taken to be of the age stated in the indenture and where executed by a Police Magistrate or by the apprentice's mother with the approval of a Police Magistrate the indenture shall *prima facie* be taken to be valid. Facilitating proofs as to apprenticeship.
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