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and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.*

W. S. MOWLE,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 6 March, 1916.*

New South Wales.



ANNO SEXTO

GEORGII V REGIS.

Act No. , 1916.

An Act to amend the Defamation Act, 1912.

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by and with the advice and consent of the Legis-
lative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South
Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of
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Defamation (Amendment).

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(a) The following section is inserted, and shall be read immediately after section fifteen :—

Amendment of Defamation Act, 1912.
New section.

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15A. Whosoever, by any writing, printing, typewriting, drawing or other similar means, publishes any offensive, abusive, or insulting matter concerning any person shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds, and may in addition thereto, or in substitution therefor, be required by the adjudicating magistrate or justices to enter into a recognizance, with or without sureties, to be of good behaviour for a term not exceeding twelve months, and in default of its being entered into forthwith, may be imprisoned for any period not exceeding six months, unless such recognizance is sooner entered into: Provided that no proceeding under this section shall be maintainable on proof that the statement on which such proceeding is based is true and made in the public interest.

Penalty for publishing abusive or insulting matter.

(b) Section thirty-one is hereby repealed.

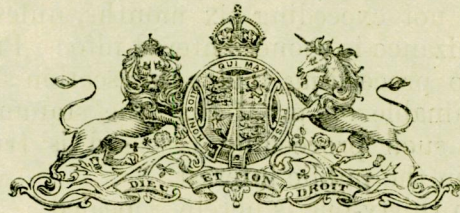
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