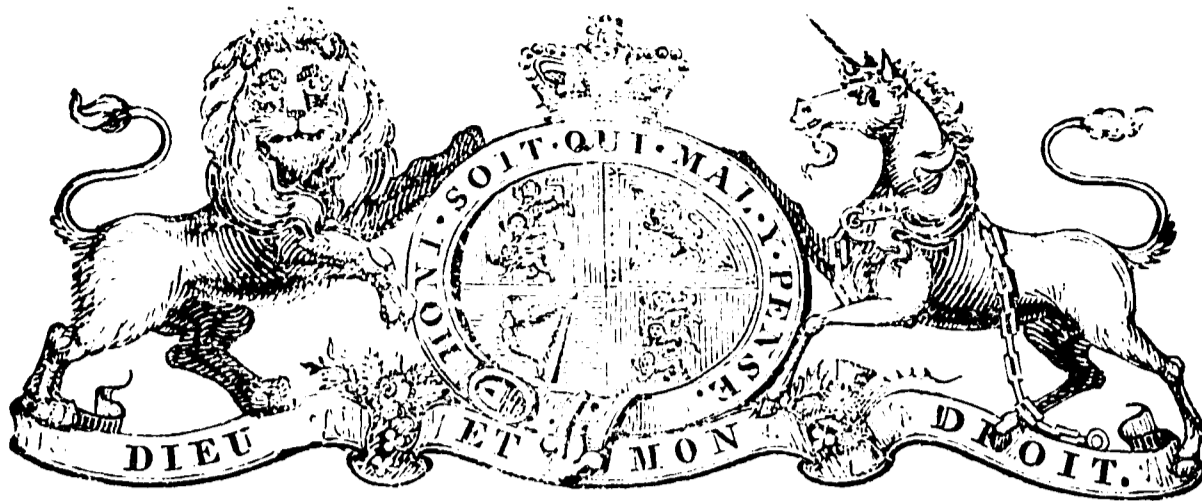


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By His Excellency CHARLES JOSEPH LA TROBE, ESQUIRE, Lieutenant Governor of the Colony of Victoria and its Dependencies, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council.

No. I.

An Act to alter an Act intituled "*An Act to restrain by summary proceedings unauthorized Mining on Waste Lands of the Crown.*" [Assented to 14th September, 1853.]

WHEREAS by an Act of the Lieutenant Governor and Legislative Council of the Colony of Victoria passed in the fifteenth year of the Reign of Her present Majesty Queen Victoria intituled "*An Act to restrain by summary proceedings unauthorized Mining on Waste Lands of the Crown*" provision was made respecting the Mining or Digging for Ore on Waste Lands of the Crown without a License or authority from the Lieutenant Governor of the said Colony in conformity with the Government Regulations in such case made and provided or any future regulations to be made or provided not increasing the amount of fee rent or return payable at the time of passing the said Act And whereas since the passing the said Act Her Majesty Queen Victoria has been graciously pleased to place at the disposal of the Lieutenant Governor and Legislative Council for the Public Service of the said Colony the Revenue to be derived from the Gold Mines and Gold Fields thereof and to authorize the Lieutenant Governor and Legislative Council to determine with Her Majesty's assent the mode of raising a Revenue therefrom and the amount to be paid upon the working thereof And whereas it is expedient to alter the said Act for a limited time Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of the said Colony of Victoria by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof as follows:—

Preamble.

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I. It shall be lawful for the Lieutenant Governor of the said Colony in lieu of issuing any License or Authority in accordance with the regulations referred to in the said Act to issue Licenses to mine or dig for

Lieutenant Governor may issue a License to mine for three months from first September.

for Gold for a period of three months from the First day of September One thousand eight hundred and fifty-three upon payment of a fee of Forty shillings to be applied for the Public Service of the said Colony And every such License shall be deemed a License or Authority within the terms of the said Act Provided that any person having paid the proper sum for a License issued under the existing regulations for the said month of September shall receive credit therefor on account of any License to be issued under the provisions hereof and payment of every such sum shall be deemed a part payment of the said sum of Forty shillings Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the Lieutenant Governor of the said Colony from issuing the usual monthly license under the said regulations to any person who may demand the same

One Justice may act,
unless objected to.

II. All the Powers and Jurisdiction which under the Provisions of the said Act may be had and exercised by two or more Justices of the Peace shall and may after the passing of this Act be had and exercised in like manner by one Justice only unless the party proceeded against shall object to such exercise of power and jurisdiction by one Justice alone