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No. 11.

An Act to make further provision for the administration of Justice in respect of Offences committed by the Aboriginal Natives of South Australia.

[Assented to, December 3, 1853.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to make further provision for the administration of Justice in respect of offences committed by the aboriginal inhabitants of South Australia—Be it Enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows: Preamble.

1. Whenever any aboriginal native of the said Province shall be charged with the commission of any offence to which the punishment of death is not affixed by law, it shall be lawful for any two or more Justices of the Peace for the said Province to hear and determine in a summary way, the matter of such charge, and to inflict any punishment in respect thereof, not exceeding one year's imprisonment with hard labor, which may by law be awarded against the person convicted of any such offence. Offences committed by natives not punishable by death, may be heard in a summary way.