



1854.

No. 13.

An Act for ascertaining the number of Inhabitants of the Province of South Australia in the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-five.

[Assented to, December 15, 1854.]

WHEREAS it is expedient that provision should be made for Preamble
ascertaining the number of Inhabitants within the Province of South Australia for the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-five—Be it therefore Enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:

1. On or before such day in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-five, as shall hereafter be appointed by Proclamation of the Lieutenant-Governor, published in the *South Australian Government Gazette*, the Justices of the Peace beyond the limits of the District of any District Council, and the District Council of every District within the limits of such District shall, and they are hereby required and directed to cause general notices to be affixed on the several Churches, Chapels, Court Houses, Police Stations, and such other conspicuous places as they shall deem proper, within the said Province, requiring every householder, employer of servants, and proprietor or occupier of land therein, to be prepared, upon a certain day, to be also appointed by such Proclamation, or on the days immediately subsequent thereto, to give all such information as is required by the Schedule hereunto annexed, marked A, to such persons

Justices and others to cause notices to be fixed in conspicuous places, calling on householders, &c., to give the information required by this Act.

sons as shall be employed, in manner hereinafter mentioned, to collect the same.

Governor to appoint persons to collect the information required this Act.

2. The Governor shall appoint, by notice in the *Government Gazette*, one or more proper persons in each district to collect the information required, and the said persons shall, on the day proclaimed for taking the Census as aforesaid, and on the days immediately subsequent thereto, if one day shall not be sufficient, proceed to take an account, in writing, of the number of persons at that time being within the limits of their respective Districts, and inform themselves of the several particulars specified in the said Schedule, distinguishing the County, or reputed County, in which each such person shall be and reside: And the better to enable the persons appointed as aforesaid to take such accounts, they are hereby authorized and empowered to ask such questions of the persons residing or being within their respective Districts, concerning themselves, and the number, quality, age, and trade or calling of the persons constituting their respective families, and all such other particulars as shall be necessary to fill up the said Schedule, and every such person refusing or neglecting to answer, or wilfully giving a false answer to any such question, shall, for every such refusal, or neglect, or false answer, forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding Five Pounds nor less than Forty Shillings, at the discretion of the Justice or Justices before whom complaint thereof shall be made.

Persons appointed as aforesaid, to deliver over their accounts of inhabitants to the Colonial Secretary within a certain time.

3. The persons so to be appointed as aforesaid shall, within fourteen days after the time proclaimed for taking the Census as aforesaid, appear before some Justice of the Peace for the Province, and produce the original accounts taken in writing and subscribed by them, and shall make a declaration of the truth of the same in the form contained in the Schedule hereunto annexed, marked B, before the said Justice of the Peace, who is hereby authorized to take such declaration, and shall answer all such questions concerning such accounts as shall be put to them by the said Justice of the Peace; and that the person so to be appointed as aforesaid, shall, within fourteen days of making such declaration as aforesaid, transmit to the Colonial Secretary of the Province, the original accounts so taken in writing and verified by their declaration, as aforesaid, and if any such person shall fail or neglect to take such accounts, or shall knowingly make any false statement therein, or shall omit to verify or transmit the same in manner hereby required, or shall refuse to answer, or wilfully give a false answer to any question, he shall, on conviction, forfeit and pay for every such offence, a sum not exceeding Five Pounds nor less than Forty Shillings, at the discretion of the Justice or Justices before whom complaint thereof shall be made.

Allowance to the persons appointed by the Governor.

4. It shall be lawful for the Governor to cause an allowance for the number of days which any such person, appointed as aforesaid, shall be actually employed in taking such account as aforesaid, at a rate not exceeding Thirty Shillings per day.

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5. All fines imposed under and by virtue of this Act shall be recovered in a summary manner, before any two or more Justices of the Peace; and all such fines, when recovered, shall be paid, one half to the informer or person who shall sue for the same, and the other moiety to the Colonial Treasurer, on behalf of Her Majesty, Her Heirs, and Successors, for the public uses of the Province.

Fines to be recovered
in a summary way.

SCHEDULES REFERRED TO.

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Census for the year 1855.

Colony,
County,District,
Town,

Dwelling.	Name.	Sex.	Relationship.	Age.	Race.	Rank or Occupation.	Date of entering the Colony.	Sick or Infirm.	Remarks.
House	John Bromley	M	H	50	English	Farmer (Prop.)	June, 1840		
	Jane "	F	W	48	"		"		
	John "	M	S	20	"	Carpenter	"	Sick	
	Jane "	F	D	18	"		"		
	William "	M	S	15	"		Birth		
	(absent)								
	Thomas "	M	S	10	"		Birth		
Henry "	M	S	5	"		Birth	Blind		
<i>(A line after each family.)</i>									

Abbreviations—M Male. F Female. H Husband. W Wife. Wid. Widow or Widower. S Son. D Daughter. V Visitor. L Lodger. Prop. Proprietor. Mas. Master. S Sick. I Infirm from age or debility.

[Replies to be inserted by the householder, if able to write, otherwise by one of the Collectors appointed by the Governor, under a penalty, in case of failure or neglect, or of giving a false answer, of not less than Forty Shillings or more than Five Pounds.]

B

Form of Declaration.

I do hereby solemnly and sincerely declare, that the returns, numbered from _____ to _____ inclusive, severally signed by me, contain a true statement of the several particulars therein specified, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Declared before me at }
this _____ day of } (Signed)
1855. }

J.P.