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No. 15.

An Act to make provision for the more effectual protection of Railways and Electric Telegraphs.

[Assented to, June 18, 1856.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to make provision for the protection Preamble.
of Railways and Electric Telegraphs, and for the punishment of persons who may injure or destroy the same—Be it therefore Enacted, by the Governor-in-Chief of the Province of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof—

That if any person shall wilfully and maliciously remove, destroy, or damage any Railway or any Electric Telegraph, or any rails, sleepers, switches, points, fences, embankments, drains, carriages, timber, matters, or things, of or belonging to, or connected with any Railway, or any post, wires, insulators, implements, machinery, matters, or things of or belonging to, or connected with any Electric Telegraph, whether constructed or erected, or in process of construction or erection, or if any person shall wilfully or maliciously attempt to do or perform any act whereby accidents may be occasioned or injury sustained in the traffic of goods and passengers on any Railway, such person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and being convicted thereof, shall be imprisoned, with hard labor, for any period not exceeding six calendar months. Persons injuring Railways and Electric Telegraphs guilty of misdemeanor