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#### WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

### REPORT

OF THE

## COMMISSION

Appointed to inquire into

# THE FENCING LAWS

OF THE COLONY.

Presented to both Houses of Parliament by His Excellency's Command.

PERTH:

BY AUTHORITY: RICHARD PETHER, GOVERNMENT PRINTER.

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### COMMISSION

WESTERN AUSTRALIA, )
TO WIT. )
ALEX. C. ONSLOW.

By His Excellency Sir Alexander Campbell Onslow, Knight, Administrator of the Government in and over the Colony of Western Australia and its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.

To Harry Bruce Lefroy, Esquire, J.P., M.L.A.; Charles Harper, Esquire, J.P., M.L.A.; Frederick H. Piesse, Esquire, J.P., M.L.A.; the Honourable Alexander Robert Richardson, J.P., M.L.A.; Walter H. James, Esquire, M.L.A.

WHEREAS I have been requested by the Legislative Assembly to appoint a Commission to sit during the recess, for the purpose of examining into the Fencing Laws with the view of formulating a measure to meet the altered circumstances of the Colony, on the lines of the Fencing Bill lately withdrawn from the Legislative Assembly;

Now therefore I, Sir Alexander Campbell Onslow, Knight, Administrator as aforesaid, have thought fit to appoint and do hereby appoint you, the said Harry Bruce Lefroy, Charles Harper, Frederick H. Piesse, Alexander Robert Richardson, and Walter H. James, to be Commissioners for the purpose of examining into the Fencing Laws, with the view aforesaid;

And I do hereby desire and request that you do, as soon as the same can conveniently be done (using all diligence), report to me in writing your proceedings in virtue of this Commission;

And I do Appoint the said Harry Bruce Lefroy to be Chairman of the said Commissioners.

Given at Perth this 7th day of December, in the year of our Lord 1895.

By Command of His Excellency the Administrator,

JOHN FORREST.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!!!

### Report of the Commission appointed to inquire into the Fencing Laws of the Colony.

Colonial Secretary's Office.

THE UNDER SECRETARY.

Perth, 23rd July, 1896.

By direction of His Excellency the Governor, enclosed communication from the Committee appointed to inquire into the Fencing Laws is forwarded for the consideration of Ministers.

By order, D. B. ORD,

Clerk, Governor's Office.

To His Excellency Sir Gerard Smith, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the territory of Western Australia and its Dependencies, etc., etc.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

We have to submit that the Commission appointed by Your Excellency to examine into the Fencing Laws, with the view of formulating a measure to meet the present circumstances of the Colony, have inquired into the Legislation of the Eastern Colonies dealing with the question, and, after carefully considering the varied interests involved, now beg, as the result of their deliberations, to present the annexed Draft of a Measure which, it is considered, should meet the present needs of this Colony.

The Commission further desire that, publicity having been previously given to its provisions, the proposed Measure be submitted to Parliament for its consideration and approval.

> H. B. LEFROY, Chairman. F. H. PIESSE. A. R RICHARDSON CHARLES HARPER. WALTER JAMES.

Dated this 12th day of June, 1896.

No. 81 SIR,-

27th June, 1896.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th inst to His Excellency the Governor, reporting that the Commission appointed to examine into the Fencing Laws, and to formulate a measure to meet the present circumstances of the Colony, had concluded its labours, and submitting a Draft Bill embodying the result of its deliberations, and I am directed by His Excellency to thank you and the other Members of the Commission for the services which you and they have rendered in this respect.

I have, &c.,

JOHN FORREST,

Premier.

H. B. Lefroy, Esq., M.L.A., Chairman of Fencing Commission, Walebing.