



ANNO TRICESIMO QUINTO

VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

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No. 8.

An Act to provide for the Regulation of Precedency in South Australia.

[Reserved, 23rd November, 1871.]

WHEREAS there is no State Church in the Province of South Australia, and all religious bodies therein are on an equal footing: And whereas the Table of Precedence at present in force in the said Province was framed originally for other Colonies, and is entirely unsuited to the circumstances of the said Province, by reason that it gives precedence to certain ministers of religion and leads to unhappy differences which are better avoided; and it is desirable to give power to the Governor, as hereinafter mentioned, to frame rules for regulating precedence within the said Province—Be it therefore Enacted by the Governor of the Province of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of the said Province, in this present Parliament assembled, as follows:

Preamble.

1. The Governor, by and with the advice of the Executive Council, may from time to time make and alter rules or tables of precedence for regulating the precedency of all persons within the Province of South Australia, and from and after the making or altering of such rules the precedence of all persons within the said Province shall be according to such rules or any alteration thereof: Provided that no precedence shall be thereby given to any ecclesiastical person or minister of religion within the said Province: Provided also that nothing herein shall affect Her Majesty's prerogative in any case where Her Majesty shall think fit to exercise it.

Governor may make rules to regulate precedence.

Precedency Act.—1871.

Until rules made
present table of pre-
cedence to be in force.

2. Until the Governor shall make rules under the power hereinbefore contained, the table of precedence in force in the said Province on the twenty-fifth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, shall regulate the precedence of all persons therein, except as regards ecclesiastical persons and ministers of religion; but no ecclesiastical person or minister of religion shall, after the passing of this Act, be entitled to any precedence within the said Province.

I reserve this Bill for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon.

JAMES FERGUSSON, Governor.