

PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency SIR CHARLES AUGUSTUS FITZ ROY, Knight Companion of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of the Territory of New South Wales and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

WHEREAS by a certain Act of the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain and Ireland, passed in the fifth and sixth years of the reign of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, intitled "An Act for the Government of New South Wales and Van Diemen's Land," it was, amongst other things enacted, that it should be lawful for Her Majesty by Letters Patent to be from time to time issued under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, to define as to Her Majesty should seem meet the limits of the Colony of New South Wales, and to erect into a separate Colony or Colonies any Territories which then were, or were reputed to be, or thereafter might be comprised within the said Colony of New South Wales: Provided always, that no part of the Territories lying southward of the twenty-sixth degree of south latitude in the said Colony of New South Wales should by any such Letters Patent as aforesaid be detached from the said Colony; and whereas, in pursuance of the aforesaid Act of Parliament, Her Majesty has been pleased, by Letters Patent issued under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and bearing date the seventeenth day of February, in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty-six, to erect into a separate Colony to be hereafter known and designated as the Colony of North Australia, all those parts of the Territories heretofore comprised within the said Colony of New South Wales which lie to the northward of the 26th degree of south latitude: Now, therefore, I, the Governor aforesaid, do hereby notify, for the information of the Inhabitants of New South Wales, that the Territories which lie to the northward of the 26th degree of south latitude being so erected into a separate Colony, such of the said Inhabitants as may pass the boundary of New South Wales being the said 26th parallel of south latitude will become subject to such Laws as may be in force within the Colony of North Australia, and to such regulations as may be established therein for the Sale or Occupation of the Crown Lands of that Colony.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Government House, Sydney, this ninth day of November, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, and in the tenth year of Her Majesty's reign.

(Signed) CH^s. A. FITZ ROY.

By His Excellency's Command,

E. DEAS THOMSON.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN