

An Act to provide that certain Islands in Torres Straits and lying ^{43 VICTORIA No. 1.} between the Continent of Australia and the Island of New Guinea shall become part of the Colony of Queensland and subject to the Laws in force therein.

[24TH JUNE, 1879.

WHEREAS by letters patent under the great seal of the United ^{Preamble.} Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland bearing date the tenth October in the forty-second year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria Her said Majesty did authorise the Governor for the time being of the Colony of Queensland by proclamation under his hand and the public seal of the colony to declare that from and after a day to be therein mentioned certain islands which are described in the schedule hereto should be annexed to and form part of the said colony And in the said letters patent it was provided that the said Governor is not to issue such proclamation as aforesaid until the Legislature of the said colony shall have passed a law providing that the said islands shall on the day aforesaid become part of the said colony and subject to the laws in force therein And in the said letters patent it was also provided that the application of the said laws to the said islands might be modified either by such proclamation as aforesaid or by any law or laws to be from time to time passed by the Legislature of this colony for the government of the said islands so annexed And whereas it is desirable that the said islands shall be annexed to and form part of the said Colony of Queensland Now be it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of Queensland in Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows—

*1. From and after such day as His Excellency the Governor of ^{Governor to issue} Queensland shall by such proclamation under his hand and the public ^{Proclamation.} seal of the colony as is authorised by the said letters patent mention and appoint for that purpose the islands described in the schedule hereto shall be annexed to and become part of the Colony of Queensland and shall be and become subject to the laws in force therein.

SCHEDULE.

Certain islands in Torres Straits and lying between the Continent of Australia and Island of New Guinea that is to say all islands included within a line drawn from Sandy Cape northward to the south-eastern limit of Great Barrier Reefs thence following the line of the Great Barrier Reefs to their north-eastern extremity near the latitude of nine and a half degrees south thence in a north-westerly direction embracing East Anchor and Bramble Cays thence from Bramble Cays in a line west by south (south seventy-nine degrees west) true embracing Warrior Reef Saibai and Tuan Islands thence diverging in a north-westerly direction so as to embrace the group known as the Talbot Islands thence to and embracing the Deliverance Islands and onwards in a west by south direction (true) to the meridian of one hundred and thirty-eight degrees of east longitude.

* Annexed to Queensland as from the 1st of August, 1879, by proclamation in the "Gazette" of the 21st of July, 1879.

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