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HULKS REGULATION. An Act for the Regulation of the Hulk or Floating Prison in Sydney Harbour. [17th February, 1826.]

The Hulk to be used as a public prison and under such rules as the Governor may order.

WHEREAS in consequence of the inadequacy of the public gaol in Sydney to the present state of the Colony a Hulk or Floating Prison has been provided for the reception and safe keeping of prisoners And it is expedient that the same should be regulated and placed under the management of persons to be appointed by His Excellency the Governor Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales by and with the advice of the Legislative Council That the Hulk or Floating Prison in Sydney harbour commonly called the *Phoenix* shall and may be used as a public prison for the reception and safe keeping of all prisoners convicted and sentenced for crimes by any competent Court in New South Wales And such prisoners shall be subject and liable to such rules regulations and discipline as the Governor or Acting Governor may from time to time order conforming therein as nearly as may be to the British laws and depositing copies of all Orders in this behalf in the Supreme Court and in the Court of Quarter Sessions in the said Colony.

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2. And be it further enacted That it shall be lawful for His Excellency the Governor to appoint a superintendent or overseer and other necessary officers and persons in and for the said Hulk or Floating Prison And such superintendent or overseer shall have and exercise in the said Hulk or Floating Prison such and the like powers and authority as are by law incident to the office of a sheriff or gaoler Provided always that it shall be lawful for His Excellency the Governor by warrant under his hand and seal directed to the Sheriff of New South Wales (in which said warrant shall be specified the name or names of the prisoner or prisoners intended to be removed and the offence or offences for which he or they may have been sentenced) at any time or times to order and direct the removal of any prisoner or prisoners convicted and sentenced as aforesaid from the gaol in Sydney to the said Hulk or Floating Prison And in every such case the sheriff or gaoler aforesaid shall deliver over the prisoner or prisoners specified in such warrant together with a copy of the warrant or order of his or their commitment and thereupon shall be released from all further responsibility as to the safe keeping of every such prisoner so removed.