

No. , 1899.

A BILL

To prevent the interruption of proceedings of courts of petty sessions and before justices, and the hindering, obstructing, or assaulting of persons in attendance at such proceedings.

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 New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. Where any person wilfully interrupts any proceedings of a court of petty sessions or any proceedings before justices of the peace at any examination or hearing under the Acts adopted by the Act fourteenth Victoria number forty-three, or hinders, obstructs, or assaults any person in attendance at any such proceedings, the justices presiding at such proceedings, either on their own view or on the oath of some credible witness, may, by warrant under their hands and seals, commit the person so offending to any gaol or lock-up, there to be imprisoned for any term not exceeding *fourteen* days, or may order him to forfeit any sum by way of fine not exceeding *ten* pounds; and if such fine is not forthwith paid, they may order such person to be imprisoned in any gaol or lock-up for any term not exceeding *fourteen* days, but subject to his discharge if the fine is paid.

Punishment for interrupting proceedings before justices.

2. This Act may be cited as the "Justices (Contempt) Act, Short title. 1899."