

THE TERRITORY FOR THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.

No. 7 of 1928.

AN ORDINANCE

Relating to Defamation.

BE it ordained by the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, in pursuance of the powers conferred by the *Seat of Government Acceptance Act* 1909 and the *Seat of Government (Administration) Act* 1910, as follows:—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the *Defamation Ordinance* Short title.
1928.

2.—(1.) No action or proceeding, civil or criminal, shall lie against any person for publishing in good faith for the information of the public— Protection of reports and proceedings of Inquiry Boards &c.

(a) a copy of, or a fair extract from or fair abstract of, a report made by any Board or person appointed by the Governor-General or by a Minister or by the Federal Capital Commission to inquire into and report upon any matter relating to or affecting—

(i) the administration of a Department, or Branch of the Public Service, or of any authority created by the Commonwealth; or

(ii) the administration of the Territory for the Seat of Government, or of any Department, Branch or Service under the control of the Federal Capital Commission; or

(b) a fair and accurate report of the proceedings of any such inquiry.

(2.) A publication shall be deemed to be made in good faith for the information of the public if the person by whom it is made is not actuated in making it by ill-will to the person defamed, or by any other improper motive.

Dated this twenty-fourth day of April, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight.

STONEHAVEN

Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command,

NEVILLE HOWSE

Minister of State for Home and Territories.