

## Timeline – Charters of Justice – Van Diemen’s Land

1823	<p>Imperial Act 4 Geo IV, c.96 empowered His Majesty, as a temporary measure to institute a court of judicature in VDL</p> <p>Imperial Warrant issued on 18/8/1823</p> <p>Royal Letters Patent, issued under the Warrant on 13/10/1823</p>
1824	<p>First sittings of VDL Supreme Court 10 May 1824</p>
1825	<p>Imperial Order in Council 14/6/1825 provided for separation and independence of VDL</p> <p>On 3/12/1825, Governor Darling, the Governor-in-Chief, called in at Hobart, on his way to take up his appointment in Sydney, proclaimed separate existence of VDL.</p>
1828	<p>Imperial Act 9 Geo IV c.83 – in its original form known as the Huskisson Act, then given the short title of Australian Courts Act 1828. It re-enacted the principle provisions of the earlier temporary Act and re-modeled and improved the structure of the Supreme Court of VDL.</p> <p>This Act authorized the issue of Letters Patent or Charter of Justice</p>
1831	<p>By Royal Letters Patent, dated 4/3/1831, known as the Charter of Justice, His Majesty King William IV, pursuant to the provisions of the Australian Courts Act 1828 provided for the Supreme Court of VDL – a court of record and consisting of two judges</p>