Legislative Council.

23º VICTORIÆ, 1860.

A BILL

For the enforcement of Claims against the Crown.

(Presented by Mr. Johnson, on recommendation of Select Committee, 22 February, 1860.)

W HEREAS disputes and differences have arisen and accrued and may Preamble. hereafter arise and accrue between divers persons and Her Majesty's Government in New South Wales and the ordinary remedies by Petition of Right and *Monstrans de Droit* are respectively insufficient to meet 5 such cases and are attended with great expense and delay And whereas it is expedient to provide a more simple and efficacious mode of proceeding against the Crown in respect of claims within the said Colony Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative 10 Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows—

1. Any person having any claim or demand against Her Majesty Subjects enabled to sue the Crown 2 and arising or accruing within New South Wales may set forth in a petition 3 Edw. 6 c. 8. the particulars of his claim or demand as nearly as may be in the same

- 15 manner as in a declaration or bill of complaint (as the case may be) and such petition shall be filed in the Supreme Court in order that such Court may proceed to hear and determine the same as hereinafter mentioned and the filing of such petition in the manner aforesaid shall be the commencement of the suit.
- 20 2. If the matter disclosed and stated in the said petition would Petition to be analogous to an action at law if the same had arisen between subject action at law or suit in equity. and subject the proceedings on such petition shall be conducted in the same manner and subject as nearly as may be to the same rules of practice as an action at law and the Attorney or Solicitor General shall 25 for and on behalf of Her Majesty plead or demur to such petition within the same time after delivery to him of a copy thereof as any subject would be bound to plead or demur to a declaration and if the complaint disclosed and stated in the said petition would be the ground of a suit in equity.

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be entitled of the said Court and of the day of the month and the year when the same is filed or delivered and shall bear no other time or date. 4. The said Court shall and may give and pronounce such and the like judgment order or decree in any such petition as such Court would 15 give and pronounce in any action or suit between subject and subject and a writ of error or appeal from any such judgment order or decree shall lie and be had in the same manner as from any judgment order or decree of the said Court in any action or suit between subject and subject and the costs of suit shall follow on either side as in ordinary cases 20

Execution against the Crown.

5. Except as hereinafter mentioned no execution or attachment or process in the nature thereof shall be issued out of the said Court in any such suit but after any such judgment order or decree as aforesaid against the Crown shall have been given or pronounced the Prothonotary 25 Master or other proper officer of the said Court shall give to the petitioner a certificate in the form contained in the last Schedule to this Act or to the like effect.

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In the Supreme Court.

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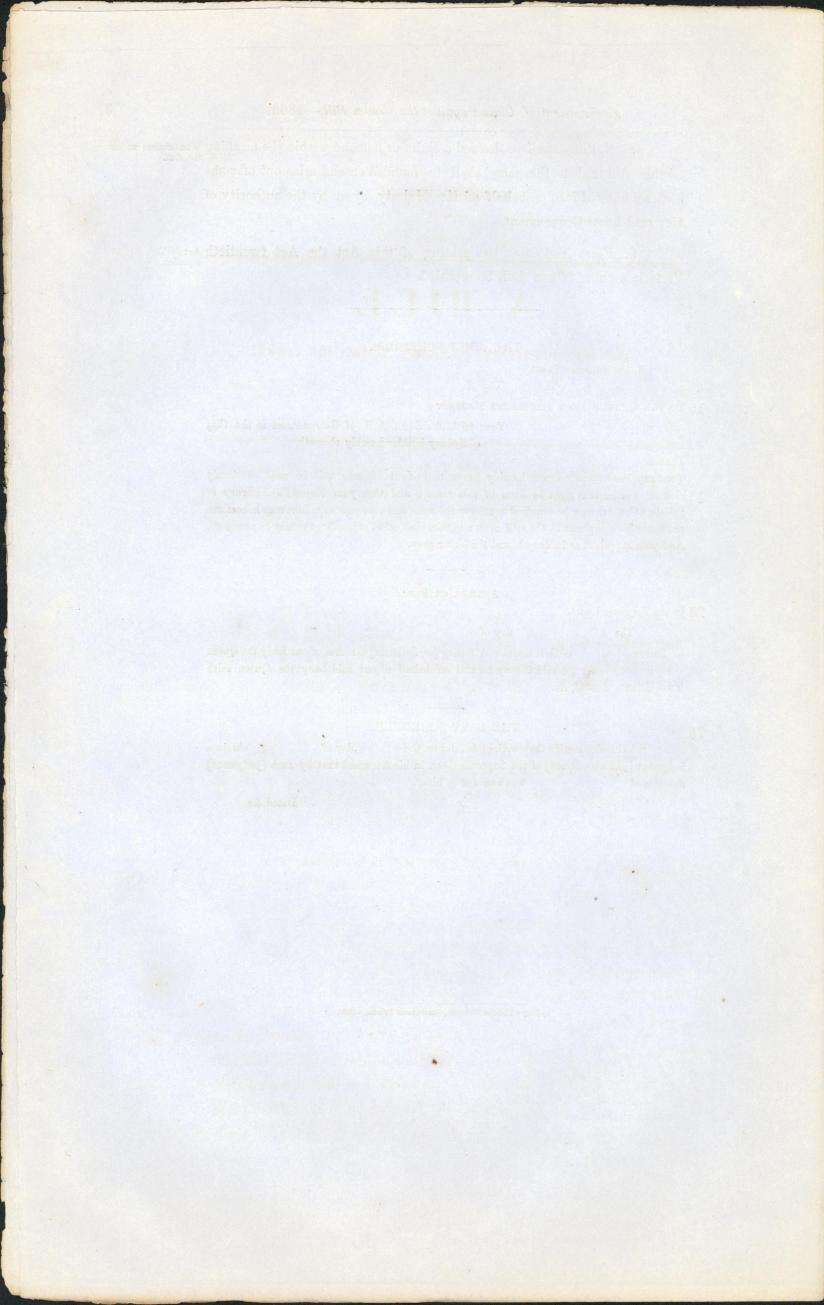
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This PUBLIC BILL originated in the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber, Sydney, 2 May, 1860.

R. O'CONNOR, Clerk of the Legislative Council.

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