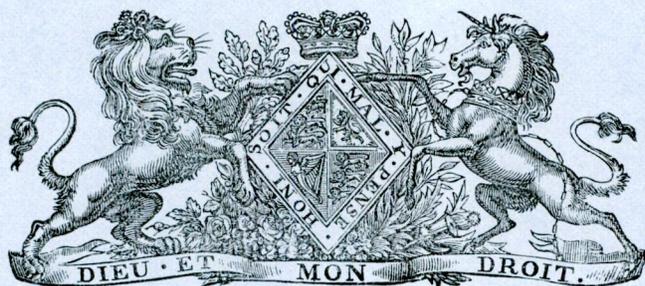


*This PUBLIC BILL originated in the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, for its concurrence.*

*Legislative Council Chamber, }  
Sydney, 4 April, 1860.*

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

## New South Wales.



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No. .

An Act to empower Coroners to hold Inquests concerning Fires.

**W**HEREAS it is expedient to empower the Coroners of this Colony Preamble.  
to inquire into the cause and origin of Fires by which property  
may be destroyed Be it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty  
by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and  
5 Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled and  
by the authority of the same as follows :—

1. When any property real or personal shall be destroyed or Coroners may hold  
Inquests on Fires.  
damaged by fire the Coroner having or exercising jurisdiction at or  
in the place where such fire shall have happened shall if he shall consider  
10 it a fit case for so doing make an Inquisition into the cause and origin of  
such fire.

2. If upon any such Inquisition the Coroner's Jury shall find that Coroner may commit  
persons found guilty  
of Arson.  
any person has wilfully set on fire any such property as aforesaid it shall  
be lawful for the Coroner in any case in which an indictable offence has  
15 thereby been committed to exercise the like authority in respect to his  
apprehension examination bail committal or otherwise as in the case of  
persons charged with murder or manslaughter.

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*Inquests Concerning Fires Act.—1860.*

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3. The mode of procedure in the summoning of Jurors and Witnesses and otherwise shall be the same upon Inquests held by virtue of this Act as upon Inquests in cases of death and all laws applicable to Inquests in cases of death and to the quashing thereof for sufficient cause by the proper Officer or Jurisdiction in this behalf shall extend and apply to Inquests held by virtue of this Act.

Mode of procedure.

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