This PUBLIC BILL, having been this day passed by the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, is ready for presentation to the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber, Sydney, 14th December, 1859. WM. MACPHERSON, Clerk of the Legislative Council.

New South Wales.



ANNO VICESIMO TERTIO

VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

No.

An Act to declare the law relative to the qualification of Members of the Legislative Council.

HEREAS by the Constitution Act passed in the seventeenth year Preamble. of the reign of Her present Majesty by the late Legislative Council of New South Wales intituled "An Act to confer a Constitution "on New South Wales and to grant a Civil List to Her Majesty" and 5 assented to by Her Majesty as amended under the authority of the Imperial Parliament in the nineteenth year of Her reign it is in and by the fifth section thereof (among other things) enacted as follows : "If any Legislative " Councillor shall take any oath or make any declaration or acknowledg-"ment of allegiance obedience or adherence to any Foreign Prince or 10 "Power or shall do concur in or adopt any act whereby he may become a " subject or citizen of any Foreign State or Power or whereby he may " become entitled to the rights privileges or immunities of a subject or " citizen of any Foreign State or Power or shall become bankrupt or take " the benefit of any law relating to insolvent debtors or become a public 15" contractor or defaulter or be attainted of treason or be convicted of " felony or of any infamous crime his seat in such Council shall thereby "become vacant" yet nevertheless doubts have arisen whether persons actually under any of the disabilities aforesaid may not be appointed Members of the said Legislative Council and whether Members of the said 20 Legislative Council whose seats may become vacant by reason of any of the causes or disabilities aforesaid may notwithstanding be again appointed Members of the said Legislative Council although they still continue under any such disabilities Be it therefore declared and enacted by the Queen's

Members of Council Qualification Act.

Queen's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in

the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wates in Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows :— No person who is or shall be under any of the disabilities herein No person under 5 recited shall whilst he shall be and remain thereunder be capable of being disability by which summoned to or of being appointed or becoming or being or remaining or sitting voting or acting as a Member of the said Legislative Council.

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