A BILL

To further amend the Law of Property and to relieve Trustees.

(Presented by the Attorney General, 3 October, 1860.)

HEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Law of Property Proumble. and to relieve Trustees Be it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament 5 assembled and by the authority of the same as follows:—

LEASES.

- 1. Where any license to do any act which without such license Restriction on effect would create a forfeiture or give a right to re-enter under a condition or power reserved in any lease heretofore granted or to be hereafter granted 10 shall at any time after the passing of this Act be given to any lessee or his assigns every such license shall unless otherwise expressed extend only to the permission actually given or to any specific breach of any proviso or covenant made or to be made or to the actual assignment under lease or other matter thereby specifically authorized to be done but not so as to 15 prevent any proceeding for any subsequent breach (unless otherwise specified in such license) and all rights under covenants and powers of forfeiture and re-entry in the lease contained shall remain in full force and virtue and shall be available as against any subsequent breach of covenant or condition assignment under lease or other matter not specifically 20 authorized or made dispunishable by such license in the same manner as if no such license had been given and the condition or right of re-entry shall be and remain in all respects as if such license had not been given except in respect of the particular matter authorized to be done.
- 2. Where in any lease heretofore granted or to be hereafter Restricted operation of partial licenses.

 25 granted there is or shall be a power or condition of re-entry on assigning or under-letting or doing any other specified act without license and a license at any time after the passing of this Act shall be given to one of several lessees or co-owners to assign or under-let his share or interest or to do any other act prohibited to be done without license or shall be 30 given to any lessee or owner or any one of several lessees or owners to assign

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assign or under-let part only of the property or to do any other such act as aforesaid in respect of part only of such property such license shall not operate to destroy or extinguish the right of re-entry in case of any breach of the covenant or condition by co-lessees or owners of the other shares or interests in the property or by the lessee or owner of the rest of the 5 property as the case may be over or in respect of such shares or interests or remaining property but such right of re-entry shall remain in full force over or in respect of the shares or interests or property not the subject of such license.

Apportionment of conditions of entry in certain cases.

3. Where the reversion upon a lease is severed and the rent or 10 other reservation is legally apportioned the assignee of each part of the reversion shall in respect of the apportioned rent or other reservation allotted or belonging to him be entitled to the benefit of all conditions or powers of re-entry for non-payment of the original rent or other reservation in like manner as if such conditions or powers had been 15 reserved to him as incident to his part of the reversion in respect of the apportioned rent or other reservation allotted or belonging to him.

Policies of Insurance.

Relief against forficture for breach of covenant to insure in certain cases.

4. A Court of Equity shall have power upon such terms as to the Court may seem fit to relieve against a forfeiture for breach of a 20 covenant or condition to insure against loss or damage by fire where no loss or damage by fire has happened and the breach has in the opinion of the Court been committed through accident or mistake or otherwise without fraud or gross negligence and there is an insurance on foot at the time of the application to the Court in conformity with the covenant to 25 insure.

Record of relief

5. The Court where relief shall be granted shall direct a record of such relief having been granted to be made by indorsement on the lease or otherwise.

Court not to relieve more than once in respect of same covenant &c. 6. The Court shall not have power under this Act to relieve the 30 same person more than once in respect of the same covenant or condition nor shall it have power to grant any relief under this Act where a forfeiture under the covenant in respect of which relief is sought shall have been already waived out of Court in favor of the person seeking the relief.

Tessor to have benefit of an informal insurance.

7. The person entitled to the benefit of a covenant on the part of a lessee or mortgagor to insure against loss or damage by fire shall on loss or damage by fire happening have the same advantage from any then subsisting insurance relating to the building covenanted to be insured effected

effected by the lessee or mortgagor in respect of his interest under the lease or in the property or by any person claiming under him but not effected in conformity with the covenant as he would have from an insurance effected in conformity with the covenant.

- 8. Where on the bonû fide purchase after the passing of this Act Protection of purchaser alease containing a covenant on the part of feiture under covenant for insurance the lessee to insure against loss or damage by fire the purchaser is against fire in containing a gainst fire in containing and the lessee to insure against loss or damage by fire the purchaser is against fire in containing the lessee to insure against loss or damage by fire the purchaser is against fire in containing the last payment of rent accrued due before the completion of the purchase and there is subsisting at the time of the completion of the purchaser or any person claiming under him shall not be subject to any liability by way of forfeiture or damages or otherwise in respect of any breach of the covenant committed at any time before the completion of the purchase of 15 which the purchaser had not notice before the completion of the purchase but this provision is not to take away any remedy which the lessor or his legal representatives may have against the lessee or his legal representatives for breach of covenant.
- 9. The preceding provisions shall be applicable to leases for a Preceding provisions to apply to leases 20 term of years absolute or determinable on a life or lives or otherwise and for a term of years absolute &c. also to a lease for the life of the lessee or the life or lives of any other person or persons.

RENT CHARGES.

10. The release from a rent charge of part of the hereditaments release of part of land charged not to charged therewith shall not extinguish the whole rent charge but shall be an extinguishment.

operate only to bar the right to recover any part of the rent charge out of the hereditaments released without prejudice nevertheless to the rights of all persons interested in the hereditaments remaining unreleased and not concurring in or confirming the release.

30 JUDGMENTS.

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Powers.

12. A deed hereafter executed in the presence of and attested by Mode of execution of powers.

two or more witnesses in the manner in which deeds are ordinarily executed

executed and attested shall so far as respects the execution and attestation thereof be a valid execution of a power of appointment by deed or by any instrument in writing not testamentary notwithstanding it shall have been expressly required that a deed or instrument in writing made in exercise of such power should be executed or attested with some additional 5 or other form of execution or attestation or solemnity Provided always that this provision shall not operate to defeat any direction in the instrument creating the power that the consent of any particular person shall be necessary to a valid execution or that any act shall be performed in order to give validity to any appointment having no relation to the mode 10 of executing and attesting the instrument and nothing herein contained shall prevent the donee of a power from executing it conformably to the power by writing or otherwise than by an instrument executed and attested as an ordinary deed and to any such execution of a power this provision shall not extend. 15

Sale under power not to be avoided by reason of mistaken payment to tenant for life.

13. Where under a power of sale a bonâ fide sale shall be made of an estate with the timber thereon or any other articles attached thereto and the tenant for life or any other party to the transaction shall by mistake be allowed to receive for his own benefit a portion of the purchase money as the value of the timber or other articles it shall be lawful for 20 the Supreme Court in its Equitable Jurisdiction upon any bill or claim or application in a summary way as the case may require or permit to declare that upon payment by the purchaser or the claimant under him of the full value of the timber and articles at the time of sale with such interest thereon as the Court shall direct and the settlement of the said principal 25 moneys and interest under the direction of the Court upon such parties as in the opinion of the Court shall be entitled thereto the said sale ought to be established And upon such payment and settlement being made accordingly the Court may declare that the said sale is valid and thereupon the legal estate shall vest and go in like manner as if the power had been 30 duly executed and the costs of the said application as between solicitor and client shall be paid by the purchaser or the claimant under him.

Devisee in trust may raise money by sale notwithstanding want of express power in the will. 14. Where by any will which shall come into operation after the passing of this Act the testator shall have charged his real estate or any specific portion thereof with the payment of his debts or with the payment 35 of any legacy or other specific sum of money and shall have devised the estate so charged to any trustee for the whole of his estate or interest therein and shall not have made any express provision for the raising of such debt legacy or sum of money out of such estate it shall

be lawful for the said devisee in trust notwithstanding any trusts actually declared by the testator to raise such debts legacy or money as aforesaid by a sale and absolute disposition by public auction or private contract of the said hereditaments or any part thereof or by a mortgage 5 of the same or partly in one mode and partly in the other and any deed of mortgage so executed may reserve such rate of interest and fix such period of repayment as the person executing the same shall think proper.

15. The powers conferred by the last section shall extend to Powers given by last section extended all and every person in whom the estate devised shall for the time to survivors devisees 10 being be vested by survivorship descent or devise or to any person who may be appointed under any power in the will or by the Supreme Court in its Equitable Jurisdiction to succeed to the trusteeship vested in such devisee in trust aforesaid.

16. If any testator who shall have created such a charge as is Executor in certain 15 described in the fourteenth section shall not have devised the hereditaments like power as decharged as aforesaid in such terms as that his whole estate and interest money. therein shall become vested in any trustee the executor for the time being named in such will (if any) shall have the same or the like power of raising the said moneys as is hereinbefore vested in the devisee in trust 20 for the said hereditaments and such power shall from time to time devolve to and become vested in the person (if any) in whom the executorship shall for the time being be vested but any sale or mortgage under this Act shall operate only on the estate and interest whether legal or equitable of the testator and shall not prevent the necessity for getting in any

17. Purchasers or mortgagees shall not be bound to inquire Purchasers &c. not bound to inquire as whether the powers conferred by sections fourteen fifteen and sixteen of to powers. this Act or either of them shall have been duly and correctly exercised by any person acting in virtue thereof.

25 outstanding subsisting legal estate.

18. The provisions contained in sections fourteen fifteen and sixteen Sections 14 15 and shall not in any way prejudice or affect any sale or mortgage already tain sales &c. nor to extend to devisees in made or hereafter to be made under or in pursuance of any will coming fee or in tail. into operation before the passing of this Act but the validity of any such sale or mortgage shall be ascertained and determined in all respects as if 35 this Act had not passed and the said several sections shall not extend to a devise to any person in fee or in tail or for the testator's whole estate and interest charged with debts or legacies nor shall they affect the power of any such devisee to sell or mortgage as he may by law now do.

INHERITANCE

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Descent how to be traced.

19. Where there shall be a total failure of heirs of the purchaser or where any land shall be discendible as if an ancestor had been the purchaser thereof and there shall be a total failure of the heirs of such ancestor then and in every such case the land shall descend and the 5 descent shall thenceforth be traced from the person last entitled to the lands as if he had been the purchaser thereof.

Preceding section incorporated with 3 and 4 Wm. 4 c. 106.

20. The last preceding section shall be read as part of the Act Third and Fourth William the Fourth Chapter one hundred and six adopted in this Colony by the Act Seventh William the Fourth number 10 eight.

ASSIGNMENT OF PERSONALTY.

Assignment to self and others.

21. Any person shall have power to assign personal property now by law assignable including chattels real directly to himself and another person or other persons or corporation by the like means as he might 15 assign the same to another.

PURCHASERS.

Punishment of vendor &c. for fraudulent concealment of deeds &c. or falsifying pedigree.

22. Any seller or mortgagor of land or of any chattels real or personal or choses in action conveyed or assigned to a purchaser or the solicitor or agent of any such seller or mortgagor who shall after the 20 passing of this Act conceal any settlement deed will or other instrument material to the title or any incumbrance from the purchaser or falsify any pedigree upon which the title does or may depend in order to induce him to accept the title offered or produced to him with intent in any of such cases to defraud shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and being found 25 guilty shall be liable at the discretion of the Court to suffer such punishment by fine or imprisonment for any time not exceeding two years with or without hard labor or by both as the Court shall award and shall also be liable to an action for damages at the suit of the purchaser or mortgagor of those claiming under the purchaser or mortgagee for any 30 loss sustained by them or either or any of them in consequence of the settlement deed will or other instrument or incumbrance so concealed or of any claim made by any person under such pedigree but whose right was concealed by the falsification of such pedigree And in estimating such damages where the estate shall be recovered from such purchaser or 35 mortgagee or from those claiming under the purchaser or mortgagee regard shall be had to any expenditure by them or either or any of them in improvements on the land but no prosecution for any offence included in this section against any seller or mortgagor or any solicitor or agent shall

shall be commenced without the sanction of Her Majesty's Attorney General or in case that office be vacant of Her Majesty's Solicitor General and no such sanction shall be given without such previous notice of the application for leave to prosecute to the person intended to be prosecuted 5 as the Attorney General or the Solicitor General (as the case may be) shall direct.

23. In the construction of this Act the term "mortgage" shall be Interpretation of taken to include every instrument by virtue whereof land is in any manner conveyed assigned pledged or charged as security for the repayment of 10 money or money's worth lent and to be reconveyed reassigned or released on satisfaction of the debt and the term "mortgagor" shall be taken to include every person by whom any such conveyance assignment pledge or charge as aforesaid shall be made and the term "mortgagee" shall be taken to include every person to whom or in whose favor any such con-15 veyance assignment pledge or charge as aforesaid is made or transferred and the term "judgment" shall be taken to include registered decrees orders of Courts of Equity and Insolvency and other orders having the operation of judgments.

TRUSTEES AND EXECUTORS.

- 24. No trustee executor or administrator making any payment Trustee &c. making payment under or doing any act bonû fide under or in pursuance of any power of attorney power of attorney shall be liable for the moneys so paid or the act so done by reason that party giving such the person who gave the power of attorney was dead at the time of such payment or act or had done some act to avoid the power provided that the 25 fact of the death or of the doing of such act as last aforesaid at the time of such payment or act bonû fide done as aforesaid by such trustee executor or administrator was not known to him Provided always that nothing herein contained shall in any manner affect or prejudice the right of any person entitled to the money against the person to whom such pay-30 ment shall have been made but that such person so entitled shall have the same remedy against such person to whom such payment shall be made as he would have had against the trustee executor or administrator if the money had not been paid away under such power of attorney.
- 25. Where an executor or administrator liable as such to the As to liability of executor or administrator or agreement for a sistator in respect of rents covenants or lease granted or assigned to the testator or intestate whose estate is agreements. being administered shall have satisfied all such liabilities under the said lease or agreement for a lease as may have accrued due and been claimed up to the time of the assignment hereafter mentioned and shall have set apart

apart a sufficient fund to answer any future claim that may be made in respect of any fixed and ascertained sum covenanted or agreed by the lessee to be laid out on the property demised or agreed to be demised although the period for laying out the same may not have arrived and shall have assigned the lease or agreement for a lease to a purchaser 5 thereof he shall be at liberty to distribute the residuary personal estate of the deceased to and amongst the parties entitled thereto respectively without appropriating any part or any further part (as the case may be) of the personal estate of the deceased to meet any future liability under the said lease or agreement for a lease and the executor or administrator 10 so distributing the residuary estate shall not after having assigned the said lease or agreement for a lease and having where necessary set apart such sufficient fund as aforesaid be personally liable in respect of any subsequent claim under the said lease or agreement for a lease but nothing herein contained shall prejudice the right of the lessor or those claiming 15 under him to follow the assets of the deceased into the hands of the persons to or amongst whom the said assets may have been distributed.

As to liability of executor &c. in respect of rents &c. in conveyances on rents charge.

26. In like manner where an executor or administrator liable as such to the rent covenants or agreements contained in any conveyance on chief rents or rent charges whether any such rent be by limitation 20 of use grant or reservation or agreement for such conveyance granted or assigned to or made and entered into with the testator or intestate whose estate is being administered shall have satisfied all such liabilities under the said conveyance or agreement for a conveyance as may have accrued due and been claimed up to the time of the conveyance hereafter 25 mentioned and shall have set apart a sufficient fund to answer any future claim that may be made in respect of any fixed and ascertained sum covenanted or agreed by the grantee to be laid out on the property conveyed or agreed to be conveyed although the period for laying out the same may not have arrived and shall have conveyed such property or 30 assigned the said agreement for such conveyance as aforesaid to a purchaser thereof he shall be at liberty to distribute the residuary personal estate of the deceased to and amongst the parties entitled thereto respectively without appropriating any part or any further part (as the case may be) of the personal estate of the deceased to meet any future 35 liability under the said conveyance or agreement for a conveyance and the executor or administrator so distributing the residuary estate shall not after having made or executed such conveyance or assignment and having where necessary set apart such sufficient fund as aforesaid be personally liable in respect of any subsequent claim under the said con-40 veyance

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27. Where an executor or administrator shall have given such or As to distribution of the assets of testator the like notices as in the opinion of the Court in which such executor or or intestate after notice given by administrator is sought to be charged would have been given by the trator. Supreme Court in its Equitable Jurisdiction in an administration suit for creditors and others to send in to the executor or administrators their 10 claims against the estate of the testator or intestate such executor or administrator shall at the expiration of the time named in the said notices or the last of the said notices for sending in such claims be at liberty to distribute the assets of the testator or intestate or any part thereof amongst the parties entitled thereto having regard to the claims 15 of which such executor or administrator has then notice and shall not be liable for the assets or any part thereof so distributed to any person of whose claim such executor or administrator shall not have had notice

at the time of distribution of the said assets or a part thereof as the case may be but nothing in the present Act contained shall prejudice 20 the right of any creditor or claimant to follow the assets or any part thereof into the hands of any person who may have received the same respectively.

28. Any trustee executor or administrator shall be at liberty Trustee executor &c. without the institution of a suit to apply by petition or by summons tion to Judge of Chancery for opinion advice or direction of cuch Indian Judge in Equity for the advice &c. in management &c. of trust opinion advice or direction of cuch Indian opinion advice or direction of such Judge on any question respecting property. the management or administration of the trust property or the assets of any testator or intestate such application to be served upon or the hearing thereof to be attended by all persons interested in such application 30 or such of them as the said Judge shall think expedient and the trustee executor or administrator acting upon the opinion advice or direction given by the said Judge shall be deemed so far as regards his own responsibility to have discharged his duty as such trustee executor or administrator in the subject matter of the said application Provided 35 nevertheless that this Act shall not extend to indemnify any trustee executor or administrator in respect of any act done in accordance with such opinion advice or direction and the costs of such application as aforesaid shall be in the discretion of the Judge to whom the said application shall be made.

Every trust instru-ment to be deemed to contain clauses for the indemnity and re-imbursement of the trustees.

29. Every deed will or other instrument creating a trust either expressly or by implication shall without prejudice to the clauses actually contained therein be deemed to contain a clause in the words or to the effect following that is to say:-" That the trustees or trustee for the "time being of the said deed will or other instrument shall be respec- 5 "tively chargeable only for such moneys stocks funds and securities "as they shall respectively actually receive notwithstanding their respec-"tively signing any receipt for the sake of conformity and shall be "answerable and accountable only for their own acts receipts neglects or "defaults and not for those of each other nor for any banker broker or 10 "other person with whom any trust moneys or securities may be deposited "nor for the insufficiency or deficiency of any stocks funds or securities "nor for any other loss unless the same shall happen through their own "wilful default respectively and also that it shall be lawful for the trustees "or trustee for the time being of the said deed will or other instrument 15 "to re-imburse themselves or himself or pay or discharge out of the trust "premises all expenses incurred in or about the execution of the trusts "or powers of the said deed will or other instrument."

As to investments by trustees.

30. When a trustee executor or administrator shall not by some instrument creating his trust be expressly forbidden to invest any trust 20 fund or real securities in any part of the Colony of New South Wales or in the Government Stock of the said Colony it shall be lawful for such trustee executor or administrator to invest such trust fund on such securities or stock and he shall not be liable on that account as for a breach of trust provided that such investment shall in other respects be 25 reasonable and proper.

Investment in England may be substituted for investments power already or hereafter given created or reserved in any last will or in this Colony under other testamentary disposition marriage or other settlement of real or 31. Any person who under or by virtue of any direction trust or other testamentary disposition marriage or other settlement of real or personal property or other deed agreement or writing is or shall be 30 expressly authorized or directed to lend money at interest on real or Government securities in New South Wales or on real or Government securities in England may in like manner as so authorized and directed in all other respects lend the same or any part thereof at interest on real or Government securities in England or in New South Wales mutatis 35 mutandis and such person shall not on account of so lending money be deemed in a Court of Equity guilty of any breach of trust or held accountable further or otherwise than if the money had been laid out by him on real or Government securities where so expressly authorized or directed Provided that every such loan in which any minor or unborn child or 40 person

person of unsound mind is or may be interested shall be made under the order of the Supreme Court in its Equitable Jurisdiction made in a summary way upon petition or motion with proper notice Provided also that no such loan shall be made without the consent of any person whose 5 consent may be required to the investment so expressly authorized or directed testified in the manner required by such direction trust or power Provided further that this enactment shall not apply to any case in which such direction trust or power as aforesaid doth or shall contain any express restriction against the investment of such money as 10 hereby authorized And provided lastly that nothing herein contained shall be construed to relieve any person intrusted or clothed with such direction trust or power as aforesaid from any responsibility as to title security or otherwise either at law or in equity save as aforesaid.

32. This Act shall be styled and may be cited as the "Property Short Title. 15" Law and Trustees Relief Act of 1860."

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, 17 October, 1860. R. O'CONNOR, Clerk of the Legislative Council.

New South Wales.



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covenant committed at any time before the completion of the purchase of which the purchaser had not notice before the completion of the purchase but this provision is not to take away any remedy which the lessor or his legal representatives may have against the lessee or his legal represent-5 atives for breach of covenant.

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45 mistake be allowed to receive for his own benefit a portion of the purchase money as the value of the timber or other articles it shall be lawful for the Supreme Court in its Equitable Jurisdiction upon any bill or claim or application in a summary way as the case may require or permit to declare that upon payment by the purchaser or the claimant under him of the full 50 value of the timber and articles at the time of sale with such interest

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14. Where by any will which shall come into operation after the Devisee in trust passing of this Act the testator shall have charged his real estate or any by sale notwith-specific portion thereof with the payment of his debts or with the payment standing want of of any legacy or other specific sum of money and shall have devised the will.

the estate so charged to any trustee for the whole of his estate or interest therein and shall not have made any express provision for the raising of such debt legacy or sum of money out of such estate it shall be lawful for the said devisee in trust notwithstanding any trusts

actually declared by the testator to raise such debts legacy or money as 10 aforesaid by a sale and absolute disposition by public auction or private contract of the said hereditaments or any part thereof or by a mortgage of the same or partly in one mode and partly in the other and any deed of mortgage so executed may reserve such rate of interest and fix such

period of repayment as the person executing the same shall think proper.

15. The powers conferred by the last section shall extend to Powers given by all and every person in whom the estate devised shall for the time last section extended to survivors devisees being be vested by survivorship descent or devise or to any person who &c. may be appointed under any power in the will or by the Supreme Court in its Equitable Jurisdiction to succeed to the trusteeship vested in such

20 devisee in trust aforesaid.

16. If any testator who shall have created such a charge as is Executor in certain described in the fourteenth section shall not have devised the hereditaments like power as decharged as aforesaid in such terms as that his whole estate and interest visee in trust as therein shall become vested in any trustee the executor for the time money.

25 being named in such will (if any) shall have the same or the like power of raising the said moneys as is hereinbefore vested in the devisee in trust for the said hereditaments and such power shall from time to time devolve to and become vested in the person (if any) in whom the executorship shall for the time being be vested but any sale or mortgage under this Act

30 shall operate only on the estate and interest whether legal or equitable of the testator and shall not prevent the necessity for getting in any outstanding subsisting legal estate.

17. Purchasers or mortgagees shall not be bound to inquire Purchasers &c. not whether the powers conferred by sections fourteen fifteen and sixteen of bound to inquire as the powers. 35 this Act or either of them shall have been duly and correctly exercised by

any person acting in virtue thereof.

18. The provisions contained in sections fourteen fifteen and sixteen Sections 14 15 and shall not in any way prejudice or affect any sale or mortgage already tain sales &c. nor to made or hereafter to be made under or in pursuance of any will coming extend to devisees in 40 into operation before the passing of this Act but the validity of any such

sale or mortgage shall be ascertained and determined in all respects as if this Act had not passed and the said several sections shall not extend to a devise to any person in fee or in tail or for the testator's whole estate and interest charged with debts or legacies nor shall they affect the power of

45 any such devisee to sell or mortgage as he may by law now do.

INHERITANCE.

19. Where there shall be a total failure of heirs of the purchaser Descent how to be or where any land shall be descendible as if an ancestor had been the traced. purchaser thereof and there shall be a total failure of the heirs of such 50 ancestor then and in every such case the land shall descend and the

descent shall thenceforth be traced from the person last entitled to the

lands as if he had been the purchaser thereof.

20. The last preceding section shall be read as part of the Act Preceding section Third and Fourth William the Fourth Chapter one hundred and six 3 and 4 Wm. 4 c. 55 adopted in this Colony by the Act Seventh William the Fourth number 106. eight.

Assignment of Personalty. 21. Any person shall have power to assign personal property now Assignment to self by law assignable including chattels real directly to himself and another and others. person or other persons or corporation by the like means as he might assign the same to another.

PURCHASERS

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22. Any seller or mortgagor of land or of any chattels real or Punishment of personal or choses in action conveyed or assigned to a purchaser or the vendor &c. for frausolicitor or agent of any such seller or mortgagor who shall after the of deeds &c. or passing of this Act conceal any settlement deed will or other instrument

material to the title or any incumbrance from the purchaser or falsify any pedigree upon which the title does or may depend in order to induce him to accept the title offered or produced to him with intent in any of such cases to defraud shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and being found

10 guilty shall be liable at the discretion of the Court to suffer such punishment by fine or imprisonment for any time not exceeding two years with or without hard labor or by both as the Court shall award and shall also be liable to an action for damages at the suit of the purchaser or

mortgagor of those claiming under the purchaser or mortgagee for any 15 loss sustained by them or either or any of them in consequence of the settlement deed will or other instrument or incumbrance so concealed or of any claim made by any person under such pedigree but whose right was concealed by the falsification of such pedigree And in estimating such damages where the estate shall be recovered from such purchaser or

20 mortgagee or from those claiming under the purchaser or mortgagee regard shall be had to any expenditure by them or either or any of them in improvements on the land but no prosecution for any offence included in this section against any seller or mortgagor or any solicitor or agent shall be commenced without the sanction of Her Majesty's Attorney

25 General or in case that office be vacant of Her Majesty's Solicitor General and no such sanction shall be given without such previous notice of the application for leave to prosecute to the person intended to be prosecuted as the Attorney General or the Solicitor General (as the case may be)

23. In the construction of this Act the term "mortgage" shall be Interpretation of taken to include every instrument by virtue whereof land is in any manner terms. conveyed assigned pledged or charged as security for the repayment of money or money's worth lent and to be reconveyed reassigned or released

on satisfaction of the debt and the term "mortgagor" shall be taken to 35 include every person by whom any such conveyance assignment pledge or charge as aforesaid shall be made and the term "mortgagee" shall be taken to include every person to whom or in whose favor any such conveyance assignment pledge or charge as aforesaid is made or transferred and the term "judgment" shall be taken to include registered decrees

40 orders of Courts of Equity and Insolvency and other orders having the operation of judgments.

TRUSTEES AND EXECUTORS.

24. No trustee executor or administrator making any payment Trustee &c. making or doing any act bonû fide under or in pursuance of any power of attorney power of attorney 45 shall be liable for the moneys so paid or the act so done by reason that not to be liable by reason who gave the power of attorney was dead at the time of such party giving such payment or not or had done some not to avoid the reverse provided that the power. payment or act or had done some act to avoid the power provided that the power. fact of the death or of the doing of such act as last aforesaid at the time

of such payment or act bonû fide done as aforesaid by such trustee 50 executor or administrator was not known to him Provided always that nothing herein contained shall in any manner affect or prejudice the right of any person entitled to the money against the person to whom such payment shall have been made but that such person so entitled shall have the same remedy against such person to whom such payment shall be made 55 as he would have had against the trustee executor or administrator if

the money had not been paid away under such power of attorney.

25. Where an executor or administrator liable as such to the As to liability of rents covenants or agreements contained in any lease or agreement for a executor or adminlease granted or assigned to the testator or intestate whose estate is rents covenants or being

agreements.

being administered shall have satisfied all such liabilities under the said lease or agreement for a lease as may have accrued due and been claimed up to the time of the assignment hereafter mentioned and shall have set apart a sufficient fund to answer any future claim that may be made in 5 respect of any fixed and ascertained sum covenanted or agreed by the lessee to be laid out on the property demised or agreed to be demised although the period for laying out the same may not have arrived and shall have assigned the lease or agreement for a lease to a purchaser thereof he shall be at liberty to distribute the residuary personal estate

10 of the deceased to and amongst the parties entitled thereto respectively without appropriating any part or any further part (as the case may be) of the personal estate of the deceased to meet any future liability under the said lease or agreement for a lease and the executor or administrator so distributing the residuary estate shall not after having assigned the

15 said lease or agreement for a lease and having where necessary set apart such sufficient fund as aforesaid be personally liable in respect of any subsequent claim under the said lease or agreement for a lease but nothing herein contained shall prejudice the right of the lessor or those claiming under him to follow the assets of the deceased into the hands of the 20 persons to or amongst whom the said assets may have been distributed.

26. In like manner where an executor or administrator liable As to liability of as such to the rent covenants or agreements contained in any conveyance executor &c. in on chief rents or rent charges whether any such rent be by limitation in conveyances on of use grant or reservation or agreement for such conveyance granted rents charge.

25 or assigned to or made and entered into with the testator or intestate whose estate is being administered shall have satisfied all such liabilities under the said conveyance or agreement for a conveyance as may have accrued due and been claimed up to the time of the conveyance hereafter mentioned and shall have set apart a sufficient fund to answer any

30 future claim that may be made in respect of any fixed and ascertained sum covenanted or agreed by the grantee to be laid out on the property conveyed or agreed to be conveyed although the period for laying out the same may not have arrived and shall have conveyed such property or assigned the said agreement for such conveyance as aforesaid to a

35 purchaser thereof he shall be at liberty to distribute the residuary personal estate of the deceased to and amongst the parties entitled thereto respectively without appropriating any part or any further part (as the case may be) of the personal estate of the deceased to meet any future liability under the said conveyance or agreement for a conveyance and

40 the executor or administrator so distributing the residuary estate shall not after having made or executed such conveyance or assignment and having where necessary set apart such sufficient fund as aforesaid be personally liable in respect of any subsequent claim under the said conveyance or agreement for conveyance but nothing herein contained shall

45 prejudice the right of the grantor or those claiming under him to follow the assets of the deceased into the hands of the persons to or among

whom the said assets may have been distributed.

27. Where an executor or administrator shall have given such or As to distribution of the like notices as in the opinion of the Court in which such executor or the assets of testator or intestate after 50 administrator is sought to be charged would have been given by the notice given by Supreme Court in its Equitable Jurisdiction in an administration suit for trator. creditors and others to send in to the executor or administrators their claims against the estate of the testator or intestate such executor or administrator shall at the expiration of the time named in the said 55 notices or the last of the said notices for sending in such claims be at liberty to distribute the assets of the testator or intestate or any part thereof amongst the parties entitled thereto having regard to the claims of which such executor or administrator has then notice and shall not be liable for the assets or any part thereof so distributed to any person 60 of whose claim such executor or administrator shall not have had notice at the time of distribution of the said assets or a part thereof as the

case may be but nothing in the present Act contained shall prejudice the right of any creditor or claimant to follow the assets or any part thereof into the hands of any person who may have received the same respectively.

28. Any trustee executor or administrator shall be at liberty Trustee executor &c. without the institution of a suit to apply by petition or by summons may apply by petition or a written statement to the Primary Judge in Equity for the vice, &c. in manage-opinion advice or direction of such Judge on any question respecting ment &c. of trust the management, or administration of the trust property or the assets.

the management or administration of the trust property or the assets 10 of any testator or intestate such application to be served upon or the hearing thereof to be attended by all persons interested in such application or such of them as the said Judge shall think expedient and the trustee executor or administrator acting upon the opinion advice or direction given by the said Judge shall be deemed so far as regards his 15 own responsibility to have discharged his duty as such trustee executor

or administrator in the subject matter of the said application Provided nevertheless that this Act shall not extend to indemnify any trustee executor or administrator in respect of any act done in accordance with such opinion advice or direction and the costs of such application as 20 aforesaid shall be in the discretion of the Judge to whom the said

application shall be made.

29. Every deed will or other instrument creating a trust either Every trust instrument expressly or by implication shall without prejudice to the clauses actually to contain clauses contained therein be deemed to contain a clause in the words or to the for the indemnity and re-imbursement 25 effect following that is to say:—"That the trustees or trustee for the of the trustees.

"time being of the said deed will or other instrument shall be respec-"tively chargeable only for such moneys stocks funds and securities "as they shall respectively actually receive notwithstanding their respec-

"tively signing any receipt for the sake of conformity and shall be 30 "answerable and accountable only for their own acts receipts neglects or "defaults and not for those of each other nor for any banker broker or "other person with whom any trust moneys or securities may be deposited "nor for the insufficiency or deficiency of any stocks funds or securities "nor for any other loss unless the same shall happen through their own

35" wilful default respectively and also that it shall be lawful for the trustees " or trustee for the time being of the said deed will or other instrument "to re-imburse themselves or himself or pay or discharge out of the trust "premises all expenses incurred in or about the execution of the trusts

"or powers of the said deed will or other instrument."

30. When a trustee executor or administrator shall not by some As to investments instrument creating his trust be expressly forbidden to invest any trust by trustees. fund or real securities in any part of the Colony of New South Wales or in the Government Stock of the said Colony it shall be lawful for such trustee executor or administrator to invest such trust fund on such 45 securities or stock and he shall not be liable on that account as for a breach of trust provided that such investment shall in other respects be

reasonable and proper.

31. Any person who under or by virtue of any direction trust or Investment in Engpower already or hereafter given created or reserved in any last will or land may be substituted for investments or in this Colony under personal property or other deed agreement or writing is or shall be and vice versa. expressly authorized or directed to lend money at interest on real or Government securities in New South Wales or on real or Government securities in England may in like manner as so authorized and directed 55 in all other respects lend the same or any part thereof at interest on real or Government securities in England or in New South Wales mutatis mutandis and such person shall not on account of so lending money be deemed in a Court of Equity guilty of any breach of trust or held accountable further or otherwise than if the money had been laid out by him on real or Government securities where so expressly authorized or directed Provided that every such loan in which any minor or unborn child or

person of unsound mind is or may be interested shall be made under the order of the Supreme Court in its Equitable Jurisdiction made in a summary way upon petition or motion with proper notice Provided also that no such loan shall be made without the consent of any person whose 5 consent may be required to the investment so expressly authorized or directed testified in the manner required by such direction trust or power Provided further that this enactment shall not apply to any case in which such direction trust or power as aforesaid doth or shall contain any express restriction against the investment of such money as 10 hereby authorized And provided lastly that nothing herein contained shall be construed to relieve any person intrusted or clothed with such direction trust or power as aforesaid from any responsibility as to title security or otherwise either at law or in equity save as aforesaid.

32. This Act shall be styled and may be cited as the "Property Short Title.

15" Law and Trustees Relief Act of 1860."

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