This Public Bill originated in the Legislative Assembly, and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber, Sydney, 5 March, 1861.

CHA. TOMPSON,
Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

New South Wales.



ANNO VICESIMO QUARTO

VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

No.

An Act to empower Coroners to hold Inquests concerning Fires.

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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:—

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such fire.

2. If upon any such Inquisition the Coroner's Jury shall find that Coroner may commit any person has wilfully set on fire any such property as aforesaid it shall persons found guilty 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.

3. The mode of procedure in the summoning of Jurors and Mode of procedure. Witnesses and otherwise shall be the same upon Inquests held by virtue 20 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.

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New South Wales.



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[Assented to, 10th April, 1861.]

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