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, 2 May, 1861.

CHA. TOMPSON, Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

New South Wales.



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No.

An Act to provide for enforcing the payment of Rates made under the Municipalities Act of 1858.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide additional remedies for Preamble. enforcing the payment of Rates made under the Municipalities Act of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight Be it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and 5 consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows:

1. When any Rate now or hereafter to be imposed by the How to enforce said Municipalities Act of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight Municipal Rates. 10 may be levied by distress it shall be lawful for the person authorized to collect such Rate if he think fit to prefer a complaint against the person liable to pay the same before any Justice of the Peace complaining of the non-payment thereof and such Justice shall summon the party so complained against to appear before him or any other Justice of the Peace sit-15 ting in Petty Sessions and answer the said complaint and shall at the time specified in such summons examine into the matter of such complaint on oath and shall direct the payment to such complainant of such money as he shall find due and payable for such Rate by the party complained against together with such reasonable costs as to such Justice shall seem 20 meet And in default of the appearance of such party or of his refusal to pay

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at the time so specified such rate it shall be lawful for any Justice of the Peace then in Petty Sessions to issue his warrant authorizing the complainant to levy the money thereby ordered to be paid by distress and sale of any goods and chattels of the party so complained against 5 which may be found in his possession. And the Municipality shall render to the owner of such goods and chattels the overplus if any after deducting the expenses of such distress and sale not exceeding Two Shillings in the pound or fractional part of a pound calculated on the sum for which such distress has been made. Provided that nothing herein to shall except as herein expressly enacted affect any of the provisions of the said Act.

2. This Act shall be styled and may be cited as "The Municipal short Title. Rates Enforcement Act of 1861."