

## A BILL

**For confirming the Transfer to the Secretary at War in England from the Principal Officers of Ordnance there of certain Lands in New South Wales and for amending the Ordnance Land Act of Council 1840.**

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**W**HEREAS by the Act of Council 4th Victoria No. 2 certain Preamble.

Lands in this Colony were vested and authorized to be vested in the Principal Officers of Her Majesty's Ordnance in England for military purposes and certain powers relating thereto were vested in the same Officers And whereas Her Majesty by certain Letters Patent revoked the Letters Patent of some of the said Officers and by other Letters Patent transferred to one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State the administration of the Department the duties of which were previously executed by the said Principal Officers of Her Majesty's Ordnance And whereas the Imperial Parliament thereupon passed an Act being the Act 18th and 19th Victoria chapter 117 whereby all the Estates and Powers therein referred to as vested before and at the time of such revocation in the said Principal Officers of the Ordnance were transferred to and vested in Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the War Department And whereas since the passing of the said Imperial Act but before the same became known in this Colony certain lands for Military purposes in this Colony purport to have been granted and conveyed to and vested in the said Principal Officers of the Ordnance in England and certain Acts deeds matters and things authorized by the said Act of Council to be done and executed by certain Officers of Ordnance in this Colony for and on behalf of the said Principal Officers in England have been done and executed accordingly And whereas it is expedient that the Colonial Parliament should confirm the transfer made by the said Imperial Act so far as it relates to lands in this Colony and to powers affecting the same And should also declare that all lands so subsequently purporting to be vested in the said Principal Officers shall stand vested in the said Secretary of State and that all acts deeds matters and things so done and executed by Officers of the Ordnance in this Colony shall be held to have been done and executed for and on behalf of the said

Secretary And it is expedient to amend the said Act of Council Be it therefore 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 assembled and by the authority of the same as follows:—

Military lands transferred from English Ordnance Office to Secretary at War.

1. All lands in this Colony which for any Military purposes were at the passing of the said Imperial Act vested in the Principal Officers of Her Majesty's Ordnance in England and all the Estate therein and also all the powers and authorities relating thereto which were then lawfully possessed by the said Principal Officers shall be and are hereby declared to be and to have been from the time of such passing And all like lands subsequently purporting to be granted or conveyed or vested in the said Principal Officers and all the Estate therein and the powers and authorities relating thereto shall be and are hereby declared to be and to have been from the respective dates of such grants conveyances or vestings transferred from the said Principal Officers to and vested in and confirmed to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the War Department for the time-being subject to all the provisions for devolution of the same lands and the estate therein to every succeeding Secretary at War as are contained in the said Imperial Act.

Act 4th Victoria No. 2 amended. Secretary at War to be read for English Officers of Ordnance.

2. All acts deeds matters and things done or executed under the 4th section of the said recited Act of Council since the passing of the said Imperial Act by any Principal or other Chief Officer of the Ordnance resident in this Colony and purporting to be so done or executed for or on behalf of the said Principal Officers of Ordnance in England shall be and are hereby declared to be and to have been done or executed for or on behalf of Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the War Department and if otherwise lawful are hereby declared to have been lawfully done or executed And to this end and for all future purposes the said recited Act of Council shall be read and construed as if instead of the said Principal Officers of the Ordnance in England whenever named or mentioned in the said Act of Council Her Majesty's said Principal Secretary of State for the War Department had been therein named or mentioned And the said recited Act of Council shall be and is hereby declared to be so amended accordingly Provided that the said Act of Council shall not be hereby altered or affected in any other respect howsoever.

Short title.

3. This Act shall be styled and may be cited as the "Ordnance Lands Transfer Act of 1874."