

Legislative Council.

36^o VICTORIAE, 1873.

A BILL

To provide for the protection of objects and places of National or Scientific interest.

[MR. SAMUEL ;—22 *January*, 1873.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to preserve from destruction or mutila- Preamble.
tion by mischievous persons certain objects and places of
national or scientific interest Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's
Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the
5 Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in
Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows :—

1. This Act may be cited as the “ Acts of Vandalism Prevention Short title.
Act 1873.”

2. The Governor with the advice of the Executive Council may Governor may by
notification in *Gazette*
extend operation of
Act to objects of
national or scientific
interest.
10 by notification in the *Gazette* declare that any object thing or place
shall be deemed to be of national or scientific interest in order to
secure the preservation and to provide for the protection thereof under
the provisions of this Act And upon the publication of such notifica-
tion such object thing or place shall be within the operation of this
15 Act Provided always that it shall be lawful for the Governor with
the like advice to cancel or alter any such notification and such can-
cellation or alteration shall take effect from and after the date of the
publication thereof in the *Gazette*.

Destroying or
injuring objects &c.
of national or
scientific interest
a misdemeanor.

Punishment.

3. Whoever shall unlawfully and maliciously destroy or damage any object or thing or unlawfully and maliciously mutilate damage deface or in any manner injure any cavern or cave or other place of scientific interest or any portion or any of the contents thereof or anything appurtenant thereto shall if such object thing cave or place 5 be within the operation of this Act as hereinbefore provided be guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction thereof be liable to imprisonment for any term not exceeding *three years* with or without hard labour Provided always that where the injury done to such object thing or place shall in the opinion of the Court be capable of being made good 10 such Court may instead of or in addition to such punishment as aforesaid impose a fine not exceeding *one hundred pounds* on the person convicted of committing such injury.