

Legislative Council.

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A BILL

To simplify the form of Solemn Declarations.

[SIR ALFRED STEPHEN ;—27 April, 1876.]

WHEREAS by the Act passed in the ninth year of Her Majesty Preamble.
numbered nine for substituting Declarations in certain cases 9 Vict. No. 9.
in lieu of Oaths and for suppressing voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths
a form of Declaration (commonly called a Solemn or Statutory
5 Declaration) is prescribed which is inconvenient and partially
inaccurate and in some cases inapplicable to the matter declared but
nevertheless no Declaration in any other form of words is within the
provisions of the Act for any purpose Be it therefore enacted by the
Queen's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent
10 of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South
Wales in Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as
follows.

1. After the passing of this Act a Declaration in the form con- New form of Solemn
tained in the Schedule hereto may be made by any person in lieu of Declaration.
15 the form so prescribed as aforesaid and after the thirtieth day of
September next shall be so made shall be as valid for all purposes and
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every person making a Declaration in such substituted form shall be equally liable in all respects as if the Declaration had been in the form contained in the Schedule to the recited Act.

The like as to every Statutory Declaration.

2. Whenever by any other Act now in force or hereafter passed a Declaration in lieu of an Oath or a Solemn Declaration for any purpose is authorized or required to be made a Declaration in the form contained in the Schedule hereto may be used (and if no other form be prescribed shall in substance be used) and shall be effectual for every such purpose and shall be taken to be within every provision of the Act applicable to such Declaration or Solemn Declaration. 5 10

SCHEDULE.

I (name) of (residence) do hereby solemnly declare that (the facts to be stated according to the Declarant's knowledge belief or information severally) And I make this Solemn Declaration as to the matter (or matters) aforesaid according to the law in such case provided whereby the making of a wilfully false statement in any particular in a Solemn Declaration is punishable as a misdemeanor. 15

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