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, 8 May, 1878.

STEPHEN W. JONES, Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

New South Wales.



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VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

No.

An Act to regulate the rights and liabilities of Common Carriers.

HEREAS it is expedient to regulate certain rights and liabilities Preamble. of common Carriers Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's

1. From and after the passing of this Act no common carrier Carriers not to be for hire by land shall be liable for the loss of or injury to any article liable for loss of certain goods above or articles or property of the descriptions following—(that is to say) the value of £10 gold or silver coin of the Realm or of any Foreign State or any gold unless delivered as such and increased
10 or silver in a manufactured or unmanufactured state or any precious charge accepted.

- stones jewellery watches clocks or time-pieces of any description trinkets gold or silver ores bills notes of any Bank orders notes or securities for the payment of money English Colonial or Foreign stamps maps writings title-deeds paintings engravings pictures gold or silver plate or
- 15 plated articles glass china silks in a manufactured or unmanufactured state and whether wrought up or not wrought up with other materials furs lace or opium or any of them contained in any parcel or package which shall have been delivered either to be carried for hire or to accompany the person of any passenger in any conveyance by land 20 when the value of such article or articles or property aforesaid contained in

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in such parcel or package shall exceed the sum of ten pounds unless at the time of the delivery thereof at the office warehouse or receivinghouse of such common carrier or to his book-keeper or other servant for the purpose of being carried or of accompanying the person of any 5 passenger as aforesaid the value and nature of such article or articles or property shall have been declared by the person sending or delivering the same and such increased charge as hereinafter mentioned or an engagement to pay the same be accepted by the person receiving such parcel or package.

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- 2. When any parcel or package containing any of the articles when any parcel above specified shall be so delivered and its value and contents declared shall be so delivered as aforesaid and such value shall exceed the sum of ten pounds it charge may be shall be lawful for such common carrier to demand and receive an demanded. increased rate of charge to be notified by some notice affixed in legible Notice of the same
- 15 characters in some public and conspicuous part of the office warehouse to be affixed in offices or other receiving-house where such parcels or packages are received by them for the purpose of conveyance stating the increased rates of charge required to be paid over and above the ordinary rate of carriage as a compensation for the greater risk and care to be taken for the safe
- 20 conveyance of such valuable articles and all persons sending or delivering parcels or packages containing such valuable articles as aforesaid at such office warehouse or other receiving-house shall be bound by such notice without further proof of the same having come to their knowledge.
- 3. When the value shall have been so declared and the increased Carriers to give 25 rate of charge paid or an engagement to pay the same shall have been receipts acknow-ledging increased accepted as hereinbefore mentioned the person receiving such increased rate In case of accepted as hereinbefore mentioned the person receiving such increased factories and accepting such agreement shall if thereto required neglect to give receipt or affix notice sign a receipt for the package or parcel acknowledging the same to the party not to be have been insured which receipt shall not be liable to any stamp duty this Act.
- 30 and if such receipt shall not be given when required or such notice as aforesaid shall not have been affixed the common carrier as aforesaid shall not have or be entitled to any benefit or advantage under this Act but shall be liable and responsible as at the common law and be liable to refund the increased rate of charge if paid.
- 35 4. From and after the first day of October now next ensuing no Publication of public notice or declaration heretofore made or hereafter to be made the liability of pro-shall be deemed or construed to limit or in anywise affect the liability prietors &c. in respect at common law of any common carrier in respect of any articles or of any other goods goods to be carried and conveyed by them but all such common goods to be carried and conveyed by them but all such common
- 40 carriers shall from and after the said first day of October be liable as at the common law to answer for the loss or any injury to any articles and goods in respect whereof they may not be entitled to the benefit of this Act any public notice or declaration by them made and given contrary thereto or in anywise limiting such liability notwithstanding.
- 45 5. For the purposes of this Act every office warehouse or receiving- Every office used to house which shall be used or appointed by any common carrier as afore-said for the receiving of parcels to be conveyed as aforesaid shall be one carrier shall be deemed and taken to be the receiving-house warehouse or office of such liable to be such. common carrier and any one or more of such common carriers shall be
- 50 liable to be sued by his her or their name or names only and no action or suit commenced to recover damages for loss or injury to any parcel package or person shall abate for the want of joining any co-proprietor or co-partner in such public conveyance by land for hire as aforesaid.
- 6. Every such carrier shall be liable for the loss of or for any Carrier to be liable 55 injury done to any horses cattle or other animals or to any articles for neglect or default goods or things in the receiving forwarding or delivering thereof goods notwithstand-occasioned by the neglect or default of such carrier or his servants ing notice to the contrary. notwithstanding any notice condition or declaration made and given by such carrier contrary thereto or in anywise limiting such liability

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every such notice condition or declaration being hereby declared to be null and void but the provisions in this section contained shall be subject to the following qualifications and conditions :-

- (1.) Every common carrier may make such conditions with respect to the necessary forwarding and delivering of any of the said animals articles goods or things as shall be adjudged by the Court or Judge before whom any question relating thereto shall be tried to be just and reasonable.
- (2.) No greater damages shall be recovered for the loss of or for any injury done to any of such animals beyond the sums hereinafter mentioned (that is to say)-for any horse fifty pounds-for any neat cattle per head fifteen pounds-for any sheep or pigs per head two pounds—unless the person sending or delivering the same to such carrier shall at the time of such delivery have declared them to be respectively of higher value than as above mentioned in which case it shall be lawful for such carrier to demand and receive by way of compensation for the increased risk and care thereby occasioned a reasonable percentage upon the excess of the value so declared above the respective sums so limited as aforesaid and which shall be paid in addition to the ordinary rate of charge and such per-centage or increased rate of charge shall be notified in the manner prescribed in the second section of this Act in the manner therein mentioned. (3.) No special contract between such carrier and any other
 - parties respecting the receiving forwarding or delivering of any animals articles goods or things as aforesaid shall be binding upon or affect any such party unless the same be signed by him or by the person delivering such animals
- articles goods or things respectively for carriage.(4.) Nothing in this section contained shall affect the rights privileges or liabilities of any such carrier with respect to articles of the description mentioned in the first section of this Act.

7. Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to protect any common Nothing herein to carrier for hire from liability to answer for loss of or injury to any protect feloniou animal goods or articles whatsoever arising from the felonious or fraudulent act of any servant in his employ nor to protect any such servant from liability for any loss or injury occasioned by his personal 40 neglect or misconduct.

8. No common carrier shall be concluded as to the value of any Carriers liable only animal parcel or package by the value so declared as aforesaid but he to such damages as are proved. shall in all cases be entitled to require from the party suing in respect of any loss or injury proof of the actual value of any animal parcel or

45 package by the ordinary legal evidence and a common carrier shall be liable to such damage only as shall be so proved as aforesaid not exceeding the declared value.

9. In all actions against any common carrier for the loss of or Money may be paid injury to any goods delivered to be carried whether the value of such into Court in all actions for loss of 50 goods shall have been declared or not it shall be lawful for the defendant goods.

to pay money into Court in the same manner and with the same effect as money may be paid into Court in any other action.

10. This Act may be cited as the "Common Carriers Act of Short title and 1878" and shall come into operation on the first day of October next. commencement.

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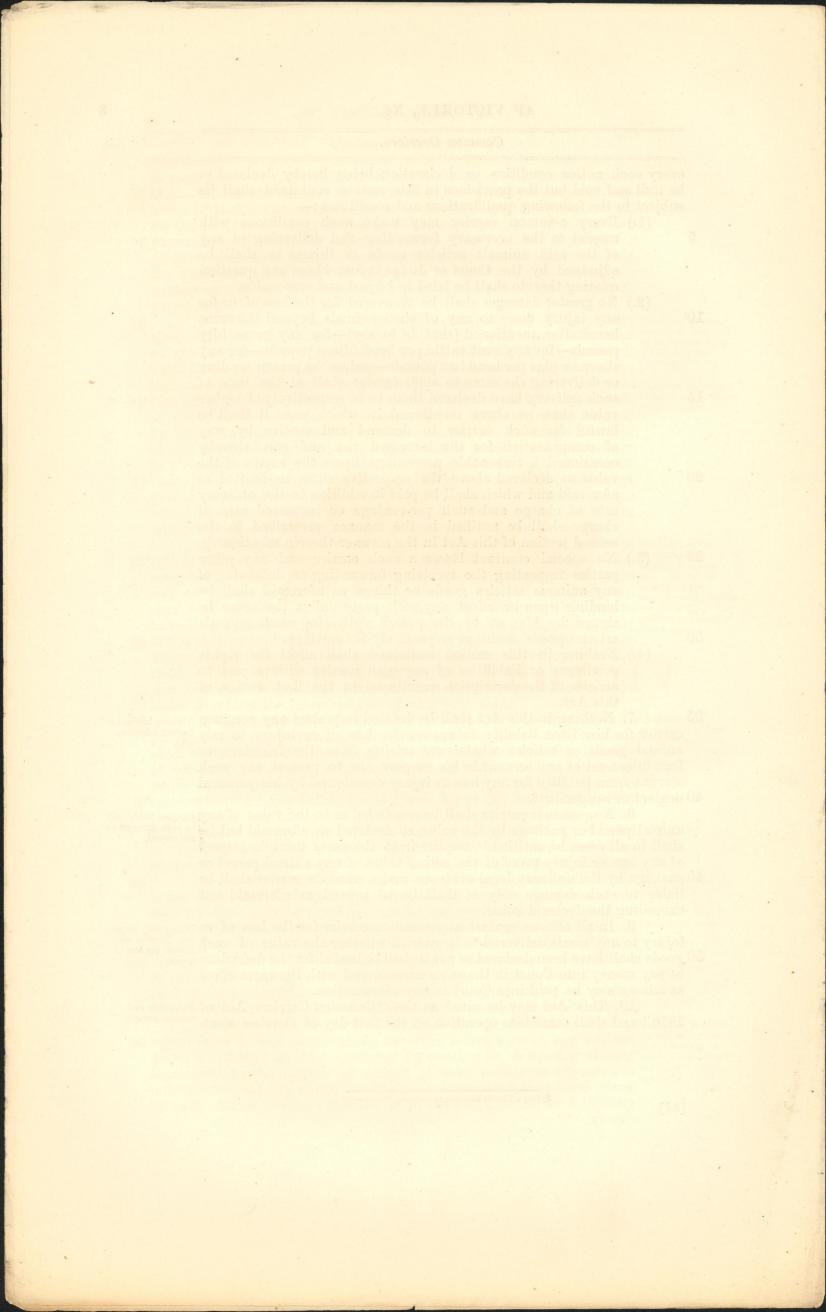
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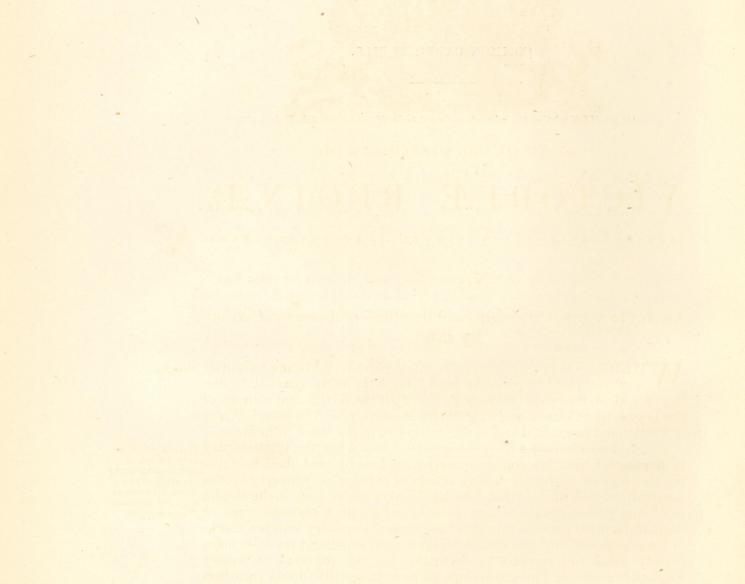


COMMON CARRIERS BILL.

SCHEDULE of the Amendments referred to in Message of 16th May, 1878.

Page 1, Title. After "Carriers" add "by land " Preamble. After "Carriers" insert "by land" ,, clause 1, lines 6 and 7. Omit "From and after the passing of this Act" insert ,, "After the thirtieth day of September next" Page 2, clause 1, line 8. After "charge" insert " if any" 2, line 18. Omit "them" insert "him" " 3, line 30. Omit "which receipt shall not be liable to any stamp duty" ,, 4, lines 36 and 37. Omit "From and after the first day of October now ,, ,, next ensuing" insert "After the commencement of this Act" clause 4, lines 39 and 40. After "carrier" insert "by land" ,, 4, lines 41 and 42. Omit "from and after the first day of October" •• Page 3, clause 6, line 6. Omit " common " insert " such" 7, lines 37 and 38. Omit " common " insert " such " ,, " 8, line 43. Omit " common " " insert " such " " " 8, line 47. Omit "a common carrier" ,,

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Legislative Assembly Chamber, Sydney, 8 May, 1878.

STEPHEN W. JONES, Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

The LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL has this day agreed to this Bill with Amendments.

Legislative Council Chamber, Sydney, 16th May, 1878. JOHN J. CALVERT. Clerk of the Parliaments.

New South Wales.



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VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

No.

An Act to regulate the rights and liabilities of Common Carriers by land.

HEREAS it is expedient to regulate certain rights and liabilities Preamble. of common Carriers by land 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

5 in Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows :—
1. From and after the passing of this Act. After the thirtieth day Carriers not to be of September next no common carrier for hire by land shall be liable liable for loss of certain goods above for the loss of or injury to any article or articles or property of the the value of £10 unless delivered as such and increased
10 or of any Foreign State or any gold or silver in a manufactured or charge accepted. unmanufactured state or any precious stones jewellery watches clocks or time-pieces of any description trinkets gold or silver ores bills notes of any Bank orders notes or securities for the payment of money English Colonial or Foreign stamps maps writings title-deeds paintings 15 engravings pictures gold or silver plate or plated articles glass china silks in a manufactured or unmanufactured state and whether wrought up or not wrought up with other materials furs lace or opium or any of them contained in any parcel or package which shall have been delivered either to be carried for hire or to accompany the person 20 of any passenger in any conveyance by land when the value of such 120article

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article or articles or property aforesaid contained in such parcel or package shall exceed the sum of ten pounds unless at the time of the delivery thereof at the office warehouse or receiving-house of such common carrier or to his book-keeper or other servant for the purpose 5 of being carried or of accompanying the person of any passenger as aforesaid the value and nature of such article or articles or property shall have been declared by the person sending or delivering the same and such increased charge if any as hereinafter mentioned or an engagement to pay the same be accepted by the person receiving such 10 parcel or package.

2. When any parcel or package containing any of the articles when any parcel above specified shall be so delivered and its value and contents declared as aforesaid and such value shall exceed the sum of ten pounds it charge may be shall be lawful for such common carrier to demand and receive an demanded.

15 increased rate of charge to be notified by some notice affixed in legible Notice of the same characters in some public and conspicuous part of the office warehouse to be affixed in offices or other receiving-house where such parcels or packages are received by them him for the purpose of conveyance stating the increased rates of charge required to be paid over and above the ordinary rate of carriage

20 as a compensation for the greater risk and care to be taken for the safe conveyance of such valuable articles and all persons sending or delivering parcels or packages containing such valuable articles as aforesaid at such office warehouse or other receiving-house shall be bound by such notice without further proof of the same having come to their knowledge.

- 25 3. When the value shall have been so declared and the increased Carriers to give rate of charge paid or an engagement to pay the same shall have been receipts acknow-ledging increased accepted as hereinbefore mentioned the person receiving such increased rate In case of rate of charge or accepting such agreement shall if thereto required neglect to give receipt or affix notice
- sign a receipt for the package or parcel acknowledging the same to the party not to be 30 have been insured which-receipt-shall-not be liable to any stamp duty this Act. and if such receipt shall not be given when required or such notice as aforesaid shall not have been affixed the common carrier as aforesaid shall not have or be entitled to any benefit or advantage under this Act but shall be liable and responsible as at the common law and be 35 liable to refund the increased rate of charge if paid.

4. From and after the first day of October now next ensuing After Publication of the commencement of this Act no public notice or declaration hereto-fore made or hereafter to be made shall be deemed or construed to limit fore made or hereafter to be made shall be deemed or construed to limit prietors &c. in respect or in anywise affect the liability at common law of any common carrier of any other goods conveyed.

40 by land in respect of any articles or goods to be carried and conveyed by them but all such common carriers shall from-and-after the said-first-day of October be liable as at the common law to answer for the loss or any injury to any articles and goods in respect whereof they may not be entitled to the benefit of this Act any public notice or declaration by 45 them made and given contrary thereto or in anywise limiting such

liability notwithstanding.

5. For the purposes of this Act everyoffice warehouse or receiving- Every office used to house which shall be used or appointed by any common carrier as afore- be deemed a receiv-ing-house and any said for the receiving of parcels to be conveyed as aforesaid shall be one carrier shall be 50 deemed and taken to be the receiving-house warehouse or office of such liable to be sued.

common carrier and any one or more of such common carriers shall be liable to be sued by his her or their name or names only and no action or suit commenced to recover damages for loss or injury to any parcel package or person shall abate for the want of joining any co-proprietor 55 or co-partner in such public conveyance by land for hire as aforesaid.

6. Every such carrier shall be liable for the loss of or for any Carrier to be liable injury done to any horses cattle or other animals or to any articles for neglect or default goods or things in the receiving forwarding or delivering thereof goods notwithstandoccasioned by the neglect or default of such carrier or his servants ing notice to the contrary. notwithstanding

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notwithstanding any notice condition or declaration made and given by such carrier contrary thereto or in anywise limiting such liability every such notice condition or declaration being hereby declared to be null and void but the provisions in this section contained shall be 5 subject to the following qualifications and conditions :-

- (1.) Every common such carrier may make such conditions with respect to the necessary forwarding and delivering of any of the said animals articles goods or things as shall be adjudged by the Court or Judge before whom any question relating thereto shall be tried to be just and reasonable.
- (2.) No greater damages shall be recovered for the loss of or for any injury done to any of such animals beyond the sums hereinafter mentioned (that is to say)—for any horse fifty pounds-for any neat cattle per head fifteen pounds-for any sheep or pigs per head two pounds-unless the person sending or delivering the same to such carrier shall at the time of such delivery have declared them to be respectively of higher value than as above mentioned in which case it shall be lawful for such carrier to demand and receive by way of compensation for the increased risk and care thereby occasioned a reasonable percentage upon the excess of the value so declared above the respective sums so limited as aforesaid and which shall be paid in addition to the ordinary rate of charge and such per-centage or increased rate of charge shall be notified in the manner prescribed in the second section of this Act in the manner therein mentioned.
- (3.) No special contract between such carrier and any other parties respecting the receiving forwarding or delivering of any animals articles goods or things as aforesaid shall be binding upon or affect any such party unless the same be signed by him or by the person delivering such animals articles goods or things respectively for carriage.
- (4.) Nothing in this section contained shall affect the rights privileges or liabilities of any such carrier with respect to articles of the description mentioned in the first section of this Act.

7. Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to protect any common Nothing herein to such carrier for hire from liability to answer for loss of or injury to any protect felonious animal goods or articles whatsoever arising from the felonious or

40 fraudulent act of any servant in his employ nor to protect any such servant from liability for any loss or injury occasioned by his personal neglect or misconduct.

8. No common such carrier shall be concluded as to the value of Carriers liable only any animal parcel or package by the value so declared as aforesaid but he to such damages at 45 shall in all cases be entitled to require from the party suing in respect

- of any loss or injury proof of the actual value of any animal parcel or package by the ordinary legal evidence and a common carrier shall be liable to such damage only as shall be so proved as aforesaid not exceeding the declared value.
- 9. In all actions against any common carrier for the loss of or Money may be paid injury to any goods delivered to be carried whether the value of such into Court in all actions for loss of 50 goods shall have been declared or not it shall be lawful for the defendant goods. to pay money into Court in the same manner and with the same effect as money may be paid into Court in any other action.
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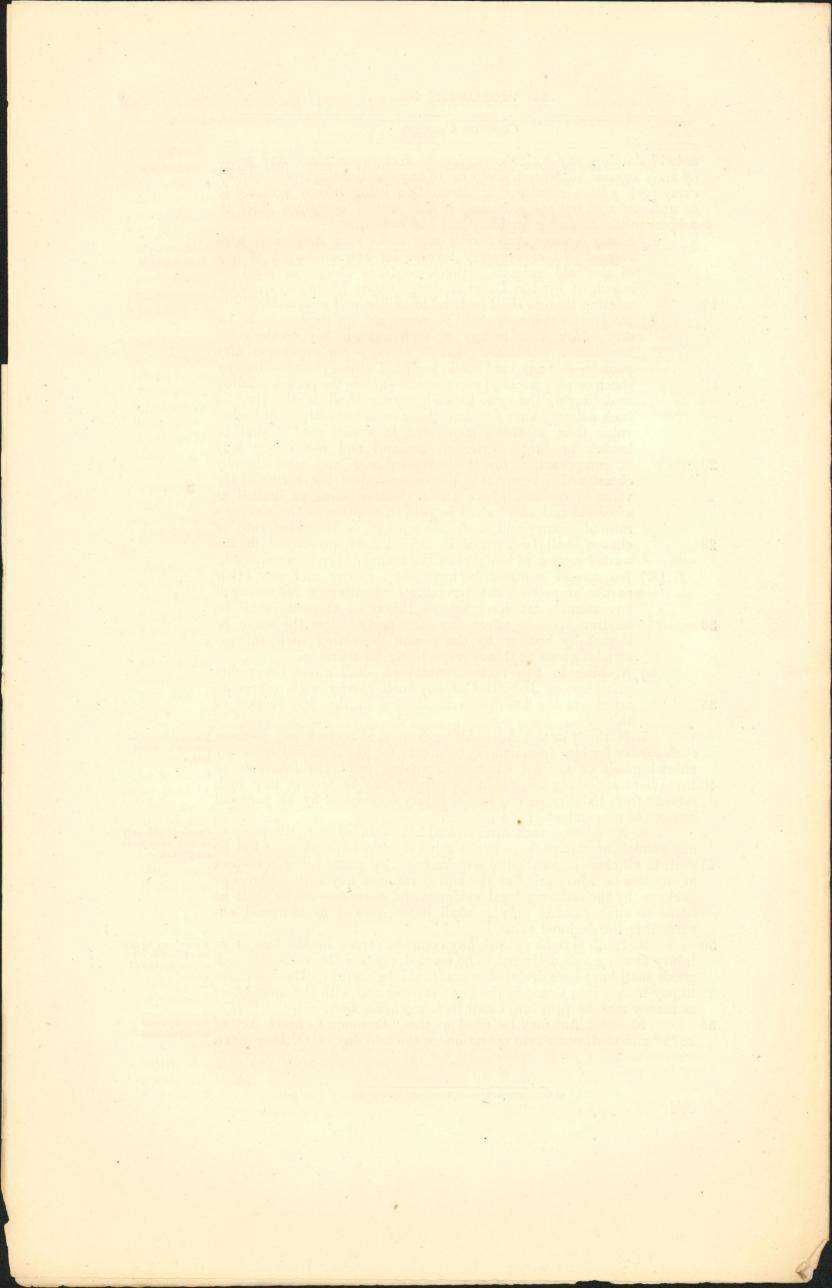
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No. XXI.

An Act to regulate the rights and liabilities of Common Carriers by land. [Assented to, 20th May, 1878.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to regulate certain rights and liabilities Preamble. of common Carriers by land Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of

of them contained in any parcel or package which shall have been delivered either to be carried for hire or to accompany the person of any passenger in any conveyance by land when the value of such article

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article or articles or property aforesaid contained in such parcel or package shall exceed the sum of ten pounds unless at the time of the delivery thereof at the office warehouse or receiving-house of such common carrier or to his book-keeper or other servant for the purpose of being carried or of accompanying the person of any passenger as aforesaid the value and nature of such article or articles or property shall have been declared by the person sending or delivering the same and such increased charge if any as hereinafter mentioned or an engagement to pay the same be accepted by the person receiving such parcel or package.

2. When any parcel or package containing any of the articles above specified shall be so delivered and its value and contents declared as aforesaid and such value shall exceed the sum of ten pounds it shall be lawful for such common carrier to demand and receive an increased rate of charge to be notified by some notice affixed in legible to be affixed in offices characters in some public and conspicuous part of the office warehouse or other receiving-house where such parcels or packages are received by him for the purpose of conveyance stating the increased rates of charge required to be paid over and above the ordinary rate of carriage as a compensation for the greater risk and care to be taken for the safe conveyance of such valuable articles and all persons sending or delivering parcels or packages containing such valuable articles as aforesaid at such office warehouse or other receiving-house shall be bound by such notice without further proof of the same having come to their knowledge.

3. When the value shall have been so declared and the increased rate of charge paid or an engagement to pay the same shall have been accepted as hereinbefore mentioned the person receiving such increased rate in case of neglect to give receipt or affix notice the party not to be entitled to benefit of have been insured and if such receipt shall not be given when required the party not to be sign a receipt for the package or parcel acknowledging the same to entitled to benefit of have been insured and if such receipt shall not be given when required the party not to be sign a receipt for the package or parcel acknowledging the same to entitled to benefit of have been insured and if such receipt shall not be given when required or such notice as aforesaid shall not have been affixed the common carrier as aforesaid shall not have or be entitled to any benefit or advantage under this Act but shall be liable and responsible as at the common law and be liable to refund the increased rate of charge if paid.

4. After the commencement of this Act no public notice or declaration heretofore made or hereafter to be made shall be deemed prietors &c. in respect or construed to limit or in anywise affect the liability at common law of any other goods of any common common by land in respect of any articles or goods to be of any common carrier by land in respect of any articles or goods to be carried and conveyed by them but all such common carriers shall be liable as at the common law to answer for the loss or any injury to any articles and goods in respect whereof they may not be entitled to the benefit of this Act any public notice or declaration by them made and given contrary thereto or in anywise limiting such liability notwithstanding.

5. For the purposes of this Act every office warehouse or receivinghouse which shall be used or appointed by any common carrier as aforesaid for the receiving of parcels to be conveyed as aforesaid shall be deemed and taken to be the receiving-house warehouse or office of such common carrier and any one or more of such common carriers shall be liable to be sued by his her or their name or names only and no action or suit commenced to recover damages for loss or injury to any parcel package or person shall abate for the want of joining any co-proprietor or co-partner in such public conveyance by land for hire as aforesaid.

6. Every such carrier shall be liable for the loss of or for any for neglect or default injury done to any horses cattle or other animals or to any articles in the carriage of goods not withstand- goods or things in the receiving forwarding or delivering thereof goods or things in the receiving forwarding or delivering thereof occasioned by the neglect or default of such carrier or his servants notwithstanding any notice condition or declaration made and given by

When any parcel shall be so delivered an increased rate of charge may be demanded

Notice of the same or warehouses

Carriers to give receipts acknow ledging increased rate In case of this Act.

Publication of notices not to limit the liability of proconveyed.

Every office used to be deemed a receiv-ing-house and any carrier shall be liable to be sued.

Carrier to be liable ing notice to the contrary.

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- (3.) No special contract between such carrier and any other parties respecting the receiving forwarding or delivering of any animals articles goods or things as aforesaid shall be binding upon or affect any such party unless the same be signed by him or by the person delivering such animals articles goods or things respectively for carriage.
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By Authority : THOMAS RICHARDS, Government Printer, Sydney, 1878.

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