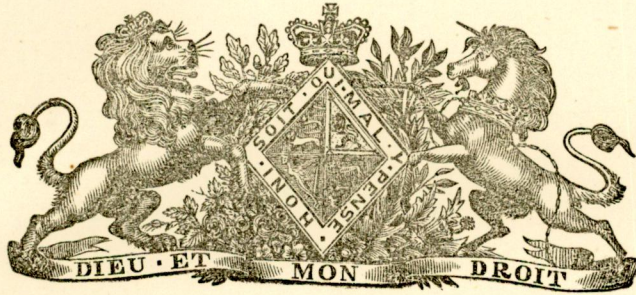


This PUBLIC BILL originated in the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 8 October, 1878. }

STEPHEN W. JONES,
Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

New South Wales.



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No. .

An Act to amend the Law relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Law relating to Divorce Preamble.
and Matrimonial Causes and to confer the same rights and
privileges in the matter of Divorce on women as are now held and
enjoyed by men Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent
5 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 :—

1. On and after the passing of this Act it shall be lawful for
any wife to present a petition to the Court praying that her marriage
10 may be dissolved on the ground that since the celebration thereof her
husband has been guilty of adultery any Act or law to the contrary
notwithstanding And every such petition shall state as distinctly as
the nature of the case permits the facts on which the claim to have
such marriage dissolved is founded.

Marriage may be dissolved at suit of wife for husband's adultery.

15 2. In case the Court shall be satisfied on the evidence that the
case of the petitioner has been proved the Court shall then pronounce
a decree declaring such marriage to be dissolved Provided that the
Court shall not be bound to pronounce such decree if it shall find that
the petitioner has during the marriage been guilty of adultery or if the
20 petitioner shall in the opinion of the Court have been guilty of unreason-
able delay in presenting or prosecuting such petition or of having
deserted or wilfully separated herself from her husband before the
adultery complained of or of such wilful neglect collusion or misconduct
as has conduced to the adultery.

Court may pronounce decree on proof of adultery.

25 3. This Act may be cited as the "Matrimonial Causes Act
Amendment Act." Act Short title.

