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.

F. W. WEBB, Legislative Assembly Chamber, Sydney, 31 October, 1879. for Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

New South Wales.



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# VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

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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 5 Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legisla-tive 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 Marriage may be any wife to present a petition to the Court praying that her marriage dissolved at suit of wife for husband's 10 may be dissolved on the ground that since the celebration thereof her adultery. 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.

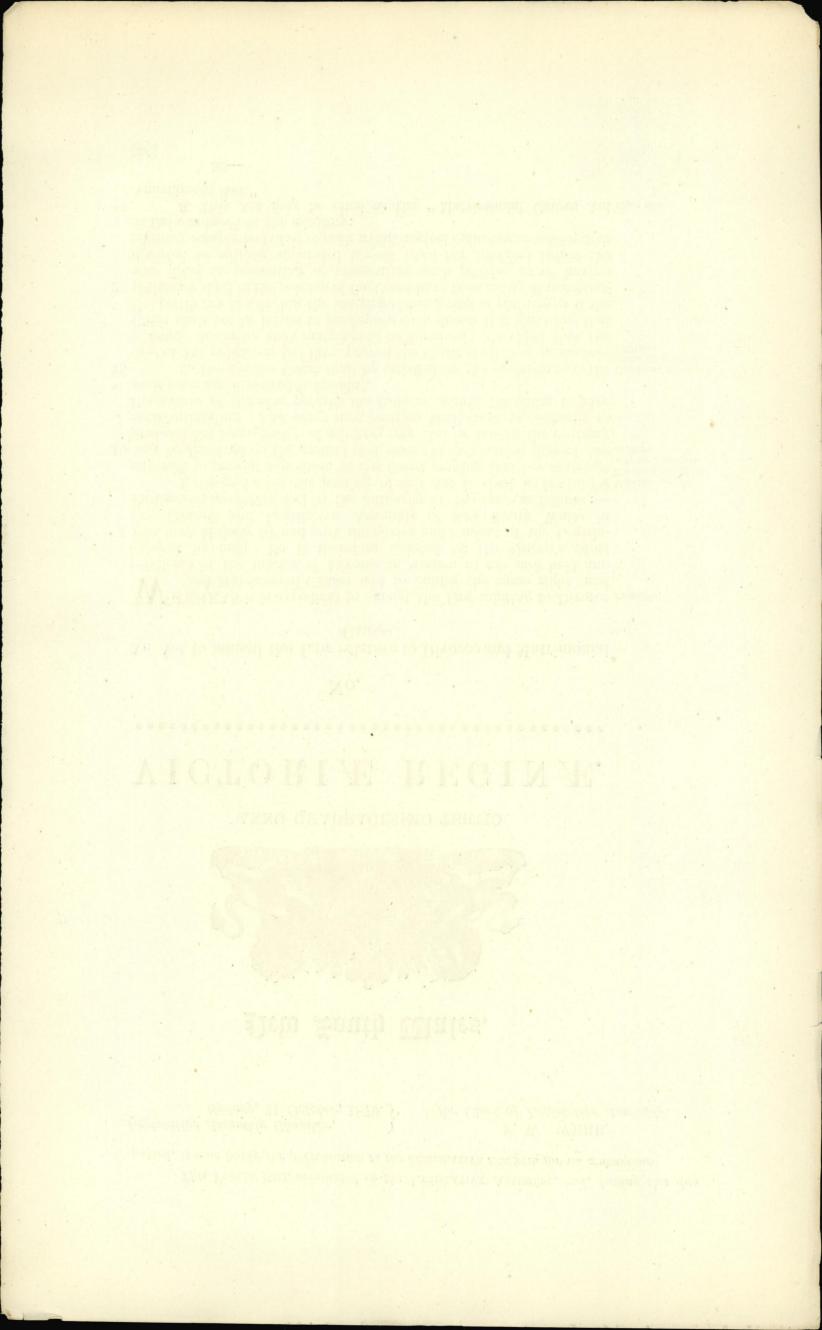
2. In case the Court shall be satisfied on the evidence that the Court may pronounce 15 case of the petitioner has been proved the Court shall then pronounce decree on proof of a decree declaring such marriage to be dissolved Provided that the

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 unreasonable 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.

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

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## New South Wales.



ANNO QUADRAGESIMO TERTIO

# VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

### No. XXXV.

An Act to amend the Law relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes. [Reserved, 28th November, 1879.]

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 Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legisla-tive 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 Marriage may be

any wife to present a petition to the Court praying that her marriage dissolved at suit of may be dissolved on the ground that since the celebration thereof her adultery. 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.

2. In case the Court shall be satisfied on the evidence that the Court may pronounce case of the petitioner has been proved the Court shall then pronounce decree on proof of 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 petitioner shall in the opinion of the Court have been guilty of unreasonable 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.

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

By Authority : THOMAS RICHARDS, Government Printer, Sydney, 1880.

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