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7. Every such notice shall be in the form in the First Schedule Form of notice. hereto or to the like effect, and shall contain a statement of the particulars in such form mentioned, and shall specify an address to which notices of caveats may be posted, and the Registrar-General shall cause 40 the date at which such notice is lodged to be marked thereupon.

8. The Registrar-General shall cause a book to be kept in which Notices to be indexed the names and additions of all persons intending to make or give any and open to in-bill of sale (herein called the grantors) specified in such notices, shall be entered in alphabetical order, with the dates on which such notices are 45 lodged, and such book shall be open to the inspection of any person

upon payment of a fee of one shilling, and any person may inspect and take a copy of any notice lodged as hereinbefore mentioned upon payment of a fee of sixpence.

9. No bill of sale specified in any such notice shall be filed Time within which 50 before the expiration of fourteen days from the day of lodging such bill of sale may be notice, or after the expiration of thirty days from the last day limited for entering a caveat as hereinafter mentioned, save as provided in section thirteen.

10. If a caveat shall be entered as hereinafter provided against Caveat to stay filing. 55 the making or giving the bill of sale specified in any such notice such bill of sale shall not be filed until the caveat be removed or withdrawn, as hereinafter provided. And no other notice between the same parties and as regards the same personal chattels, or any part thereof, shall be lodged, and no bill of sale shall be filed in pursuance thereof

while a previous notice shall be current, or until the caveat lodged in respect of the previous notice shall be removed or withdrawn as here-

11. Any creditor of the grantor in such notice mentioned may at Creditor may enter 5 any time within fourteen days from the day on which notice shall be caveat. lodged, enter a caveat against the making or giving the bill of sale specified in the notice by lodging such caveat with the Registrar-General and paying a fee of one shilling, and every such caveat shall be in the form in the Second Schedule hereto or to the like effect, and shall contain the

10 particulars therein mentioned, and shall specify a place within two miles of the General Post Office, Sydney, at which notices relating to such caveat may be served, and every notice relating to such caveat

if served at such place shall be deemed to be duly served.

12. Upon the receipt of any such caveat the Registrar-General Caveat to be notified 15 shall cause a copy thereof to be posted to the grantor mentioned in to granton the notice at the address specified in the notice, and the grantor may caveator. summon the caveator before a Judge of the Supreme Court or the District Court holden at Sydney to show cause why his caveat should not be removed, and upon the return of such summons the Judge shall

20 hear and determine whether the caveator is a creditor of the grantor, and any person to whom the grantor is indebted on any account whatsoever, at law or in equity, on the balance of account or otherwise, and whether the debt be due or to accrue due, secured or unsecured, shall

be deemed to be a creditor within the meaning of this section.

25 13. If on the hearing of such summons it shall appear that the Judge may order caveator is a creditor of the grantor the Judge may make an order filing to be stayed or directing that no bill of sale shall be filed in pursuance of the notice mentioned in the caveat until the debt for which he shall be found to be a creditor be satisfied, but if it shall not appear that the caveator is

30 a creditor of the grantor, or, in the case of a secured creditor, if the Judge shall be of opinion that the security held by the secured creditor is sufficient to satisfy his debt or claim, the Judge may order that the caveat be removed, and upon service of the order upon the Registrar-General he shall remove the caveat therein mentioned.

14. A caveator may withdraw his caveat at any time by signing Caveat may be withan application for the withdrawal thereof in the form in the Third drawn or removal ordered at any time. Schedule hereto or to the like effect, and if after satisfaction of his debt the caveator shall refuse to withdraw his caveat or to sign an application for the withdrawal thereof, the grantor may summon

40 the caveator before a Judge, as hereinbefore mentioned, to show cause why the caveat should not be removed, and the Judge may order the removal of such caveat, and upon the service of the order upon the Registrar-General he shall remove the caveat therein mentioned.

15. Where an order shall have been made for the removal of a 45 caveat the same period shall be allowed for the filing of the bill of sale as if such caveat had not been lodged, but a memorandum shall be endorsed upon the filed copy of the bill of sale to the effect that the bill of sale is registered under section fifteen of this Act.

16. Upon the hearing of any summons under this Act the Judge Judge to have 50 may make such order as to costs as he may think fit, and any person jurisdiction to award compensions. not a creditor of the grantor entering a caveat without reasonable sation. cause for considering himself to be a creditor, and any caveator refusing without reasonable cause to sign an application for withdrawal of his caveat after satisfaction of his debt shall be liable to pay the grantor 55 such sum by way of compensation as the Judge upon the hearing of

any such summons may deem just and may order.

17. Nothing in the preceding sections contained as to the notice Notice of intention of intention to give a bill of sale, or any caveat thereon, or any pro-not to apply to hire contracts. ceeding thereunder, shall apply to a contract for the letting or hiring

of any personal chattels as described in section two of this Act, nor to any bill of sale given to secure the payment of a sum not exceeding fifty pounds. But such exemptions shall apply to not more than one bill of sale given by the same person having currency at the same time.

18. Every bill of sale which shall hereafter be made or given Filing of bill of sale otherwise than under or in execution of any process shall, at the to be renewed every expiration of twelve months from the filing thereof, become null and preserve validity void as against the same persons and as regards the same property and conferred by filing. effects as if such bill of sale, or a copy thereof, had not, in the first

10 instance, been filed according to the provisions of this Act, unless within that time an affidavit shall be filed in the office of the Registrar-General made by the person or one of the persons entitled to the money secured thereby, or owing or payable thereunder, or his attorney or agent able to depose of his own knowledge as to the amount owing

15 on the security of such bill of sale, or in the case of a corporation by its manager or other officer able to depose of his own knowledge as to the amount owing on the security thereof or payable in respect of the personal chattels comprised in such bill of sale (such affidavit to be filed within seven days from the day of swearing the same),

20 stating the amount owing on the security thereof or payable in respect of the personal chattels comprised in such bill of sale at the date of swearing the affidavit, and at the expiration of twelve months from the filing of any such affidavit or of any subsequent affidavit such bill of sale shall in like manner become null and void unless a like

25 affidavit is filed within such further period of twelve months showing the amount then owing on the security of such bill of sale, or payable in respect of the personal chattels comprised in such bill of sale: Provided always that in the case of a contract for the letting or hiring of any personal chattels this section shall only apply where the 30 personal chattels comprised therein are to become the property of the

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19. Upon the filing of any such affidavit the Registrar-General Affidavit renewing 35 shall cause an entry to be made in a book kept for that purpose of the filing to be entered and to be open to number and date of filing such affidavit, and the amount thereby inspection in office deposed to be owing, together with the names, additions, and descriptions of the persons making or giving the bill of sale, and the number of such bill of sale to which the affidavit refers, and he shall be 40 entitled to receive one shilling and no more for filing every such

affidavit, and every such affidavit may be inspected by any person at all reasonable times on payment to the Registrar-General of a fee of sixpence, and such book may be likewise inspected by any person on payment of a fee of sixpence.

20. If such bill of sale shall be made or given subject to any Defeasances and 45 defeasance or condition or declaration of trust not contained in the conditions to be body thereof, such defeasance or condition or declaration of trust shall of sale. for the purposes of this Act be taken as part of such bill of sale and shall be written on the same paper or parchment on which such bill of 50 sale shall be written before the time when the same or a copy thereof respectively shall be filed, otherwise such bill of sale shall be null and void to all intents and purposes as against the same persons, and as regards the same property and effects as if such bill of sale or a copy

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22. The Registrar-General shall cause every bill of sale and every Registrar-General to such schedule and inventory as aforesaid, and every such copy filed as keep books. aforesaid to be numbered, and shall keep a book or books in his said 10 office, in which he shall cause to be fairly entered an alphabetical list of every such bill of sale containing therein the name, addition, and description of the person making or giving the same, or (in case the same shall be made or given by any person under or in the execution of process as aforesaid then) the name, addition, and description, of the 15 person against whom such process shall have issued, and also of the person to whom or in whose favour the same shall have been given, together with the number and the dates of the execution and filing of the same, and the sum for which the same has been given, and the time or times if any when the same is thereby made payable according

20 to the form contained in the Fourth Schedule to this Act, which said book or books, and every bill of sale or copy thereof filed in the said office may be searched and viewed by all persons at all reasonable times on paying to the said Registrar-General for every search against

one person the sum of one shilling and no more.

23. The Registrar-General shall be entitled to receive for filing Fee for filing. 25 and entering every such bill of sale, or a copy thereof as aforesaid, the

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24. Upon the filing of any copy of a bill of sale under this Act, Receipt to be the Registrar-General or other proper officer in that behalf shall endorse indersed on copy of bill of sale. 30 thereon a receipt for the same, in which shall be specified the certain day, hour, and time on which the same shall have been filed, and the Registrar-General or other proper officer in that behalf shall then attach his signature to the said receipt, and every such receipt so indorsed and signed shall be taken and allowed as evidence of the 35 filing of such bill of sale, and of the time when such filing took place.

25. Any person shall be entitled to have an office copy or an office copies. extract of every bill of sale, or of the copy thereof, filed as aforesaid, upon paying for the same the sum of fourpence per folio of seventy-

two words.

26. Every bill of sale and every notice of intention to give a Bills of sale to be bill of sale, and every caveat under the provisions of this Act, and public records. every other document whatever filed or registered in any Court of Record or with the Registrar General shall be, and the same are hereby declared to be public records.

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discharged.

28. Upon entering up satisfaction as aforesaid, the Registrar-Satisfactions to be General shall cause an entry to be made in a book kept for that indexed and open to purpose of the number and date of the entry of such satisfaction, and 55 every such book and particulars of such satisfactions may be inspected by any person at all reasonable times on payment to the Registrar-General of a fee of sixpence.

29. From and after the passing of this Act, the Act set out in Repeal clause. the Fifth Schedule hereto shall be repealed: Provided that (except as

is herein expressly mentioned with respect to registration under this Act and renewal of registration) nothing in this Act shall affect any bill of sale executed before the passing of this Act, and as regards bills of sale so executed the Act hereby repealed shall continue in force:

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10 unless within a period of six months from the date of the passing of this Act an affidavit containing the particulars set out in section eighteen be filed within six months after the passing of this Act, and unless a similar affidavit shall be filed during each succeeding twelve months.

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FIRST SCHEDULE. NOTICE OF INTENTION TO GIVE BILL OF SALE.

20	Grantor or grantors.		Property comprised in bill of sale.		Consideration.		Grantee or grantees.				
25	Name or names in full, and where the grantors are a partnership firm not incorporated, the usual name or style of such firm.	occupation.	Place of business or residence.	Description in general terms.	Where situate.	Past debt.	Advance at time of giving bill of sale.	Future advances.	Name or names in full.	Business or occupation.	Place of business or residence.
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I [or we] the abovenamed grantor [or grantors] hereby give notice that a bill of 30 sale intended to be given by me [or us] over the property above described to the above named grantee [or grantees] to secure the debt or advances above mentioned will be filed after the expiration of fourteen days from the date of lodging this notice, and I [or we] hereby direct that notice of any caveat which may be entered against the filing of such bill of sale may be posted addressed as follows [fill in address]:—
Dated this day of 18.

Dated this day of Signature of grantor [or grantors] or his [or their] attorney or agent. ged this day of 18 Lodged this

To the Registrar-General.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

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CAVEAT.

To the Registrar-General.

Take notice that I [or we] [fill in name or names, or if the caveators be a partner-ship firm not incorporated, the usual name or style of such firm, and the business, occupation, and place of business, or residence, of caveator or caveators] being a creditor [or creditors]

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50 day of 18, and I [or we] do hereby appoint as the place at which [and [where the caveators are a partnership firm not incorporated] as the member of our firm on whom] notices and proceedings relating to this caveat may be served.

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Dated the day of 18

Signature of caveator [or caveators, or usual signature of the partnership firm above-mentioned] or his [or their] attorney or agent.

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APPLICATION TO WITHDRAW CAVEAT.

To the Registrar-General.

Take notice that I [or we] [fill in name or names, or if the caveators be a partnership 5 firm not incorporated the usual name or style of such firm, and the business, occupation, and place of business or residence of caveator or caveators] hereby withdraw the caveat lodged by me [or us] on the day of against the filing of the bill of sale specified in the notice of [name of grantor or grantors] of [address of grantor or grantors] lodged on the day of 18.

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FOURTH SCHEDULE.

15	Name, &c., of the person making or giving the bill of sale or of the person [divested of property.	Name, &c., of the person to whom made or given.	Whether bill of sale, assignment, transfer, or what other assurance, and whether absolute or conditional, and number.	Date of execution.	Date of filing.	Sum for which made or given.	When and how payable.

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No. of Act.	Title of Act.	Effect of repeal.	
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45 lodged, and such book shall be open to the inspection of any person upon payment of a fee of one shilling, and any person may inspect and take a copy of any notice lodged as hereinbefore mentioned upon payment of a fee of sixpence.

9. No bill of sale specified in any such notice shall be filed Time within which 50 before the expiration of fourteen days from the day of lodging such bill of sale may be notice, or after the expiration of thirty days from the last day limited for entering a caveat as hereinafter mentioned, save as provided in section thirteen.

10. If a caveat shall be entered as hereinafter provided against Caveat to stay filing.

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while a previous notice shall be current, or until the caveat lodged in respect of the previous notice shall be removed or withdrawn as hereinafter provided.

11. Any creditor of the grantor in such notice mentioned may at Creditor may enter 5 any time within fourteen days from the day on which notice shall be caveat. lodged, enter a caveat against the making or giving the bill of sale specified in the notice by lodging such caveat with the Registrar-General and paying a fee of one shilling, and every such caveat shall be in the form in the Second Schedule hereto or to the like effect, and shall contain the

10 particulars therein mentioned, and shall specify a place within two miles of the General Post Office, Sydney, at which notices relating to such caveat may be served, and every notice relating to such caveat

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12. Upon the receipt of any such caveat the Registrar-General Caveat to be notified 15 shall cause a copy thereof to be posted to the grantor mentioned in to grantor who may summon the notice at the address specified in the notice, and the grantor may caveator. summon the caveator before a Judge of the Supreme Court or the District Court holden at Sydney to show cause why his caveat should not be removed, and upon the return of such summons the Judge shall

20 hear and determine whether the caveator is a creditor of the grantor, and any person to whom the grantor is indebted on any account whatsoever, at law or in equity, on the balance of account or otherwise, and whether the debt be due or to accrue due, secured or unsecured, shall

be deemed to be a creditor within the meaning of this section.

13. If on the hearing of such summons it shall appear that the Judge may order caveator is a creditor of the grantor the Judge may make an order filing to be stayed or removal of caveat. directing that no bill of sale shall be filed in pursuance of the notice mentioned in the caveat until the debt for which he shall be found to be a creditor be satisfied, but if it shall not appear that the caveator is 30 a creditor of the grantor, or, in the case of a secured creditor, if the

Judge shall be of opinion that the security held by the secured creditor is sufficient to satisfy his debt or claim, the Judge may order that the caveat be removed, and upon service of the order upon the Registrar-General he shall remove the caveat therein mentioned.

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40 the caveator before a Judge, as hereinbefore mentioned, to show cause why the caveat should not be removed, and the Judge may order the removal of such caveat, and upon the service of the order upon the Registrar-General he shall remove the caveat therein mentioned.

15. Where an order shall have been made for the removal of a 45 caveat the same period shall be allowed for the filing of the bill of sale as if such caveat had not been lodged, but a memorandum shall be endorsed upon the filed copy of the bill of sale to the effect that the bill of sale is registered under section fifteen of this Act.

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18. Every bill of sale which shall hereafter be made or given Filing of bill of sale otherwise than under or in execution of any process shall, at the to be renewed every expiration of twelve months from the filing thereof, become null and preserve validity void as against the same persons and as regards the same property and conferred by filing. effects as if such bill of sale, or a copy thereof, had not, in the first

10 instance, been filed according to the provisions of this Act, unless within that time an affidavit shall be filed in the office of the Registrar-General made by the person or one of the persons entitled to the money secured thereby, or owing or payable thereunder, or his attorney or agent able to depose of his own knowledge as to the amount owing

15 on the security of such bill of sale, or in the case of a corporation by its manager or other officer able to depose of his own knowledge as to the amount owing on the security thereof or payable in respect of the personal chattels comprised in such bill of sale (such affidavit to be filed within seven days from the day of swearing the same),

20 stating the amount owing on the security thereof or payable in respect of the personal chattels comprised in such bill of sale at the date of swearing the affidavit, and at the expiration of twelve months from the filing of any such affidavit or of any subsequent affidavit such bill of sale shall in like manner become null and void unless a like

25 affidavit is filed within such further period of twelve months showing the amount then owing on the security of such bill of sale, or payable in respect of the personal chattels comprised in such bill of sale: Provided always that in the case of a contract for the letting or hiring of any personal chattels this section shall only apply where the 30 personal chattels comprised therein are to become the property of the

hirer upon the payment of a certain sum of money: And provided always that nothing in this section contained shall apply to any bill

of sale which is not in the nature of a mortgage security.

19. Upon the filing of any such affidavit the Registrar-General Affidavit renewing 35 shall cause an entry to be made in a book kept for that purpose of the filing to be entered and to be open to number and date of filing such affidavit, and the amount thereby inspection in office of deposed to be owing, together with the names, additions, and descrip
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affidavit, and every such affidavit may be inspected by any person at all reasonable times on payment to the Registrar-General of a fee of sixpence, and such book may be likewise inspected by any person on

payment of a fee of sixpence.

45 20. If such bill of sale shall be made or given subject to any Defeasances and defeasance or condition or declaration of trust not contained in the conditions to be written on the bill body thereof, such defeasance or condition or declaration of trust shall of sale. for the purposes of this Act be taken as part of such bill of sale and shall be written on the same paper or parchment on which such bill of 50 sale shall be written before the time when the same or a copy thereof respectively shall be filed, otherwise such bill of sale shall be null

and void to all intents and purposes as against the same persons, and as regards the same property and effects as if such bill of sale or a copy thereof respectively had not been filed according to the provisions of

55 this Act.

21. Personal chattels comprised in a bill of sale which has been Reputed ownership and continues to be duly filed and registered under this Act, and not to invalidate personal chattels comprised in a bill of sale which has been executed before the passing of this Act and in respect of which the affidavit or

affidavits required by section twenty-nine of this Act shall have been duly filed, and also chattels comprised in the bill of sale in respect of which the time allowed for registration thereof shall not have expired, shall not be deemed to be in the possession, order, or disposition of the 5 grantor of the bill of sale within the meaning of the "Bankruptcy Act of 1887," or any Act amending the same.

22. The Registrar-General shall cause every bill of sale and every Registrar-General to such schedule and inventory as aforesaid, and every such copy filed as keep books

aforesaid to be numbered, and shall keep a book or books in his said 10 office, in which he shall cause to be fairly entered an alphabetical list of every such bill of sale containing therein the name, addition, and description of the person making or giving the same, or (in case the same shall be made or given by any person under or in the execution of process as aforesaid then) the name, addition, and description, of the

15 person against whom such process shall have issued, and also of the person to whom or in whose favour the same shall have been given, together with the number and the dates of the execution and filing of the same, and the sum for which the same has been given, and the time or times if any when the same is thereby made payable according

20 to the form contained in the Fourth Schedule to this Act, which said book or books, and every bill of sale or copy thereof filed in the said office may be searched and viewed by all persons at all reasonable times on paying to the said Registrar-General for every search against one person the sum of one shilling and no more.

23. The Registrar-General shall be entitled to receive for filing Fee for filing. and entering every such bill of sale, or a copy thereof as aforesaid, the

sum of one shilling and no more.

24. Upon the filing of any copy of a bill of sale under this Act, Receipt to be the Registrar-General or other proper officer in that behalf shall endorse indersed on copy of 30 thereon a receipt for the same, in which shall be specified the certain day, hour, and time on which the same shall have been filed, and the Registrar-General or other proper officer in that behalf shall then attach his signature to the said receipt, and every such receipt so indorsed and signed shall be taken and allowed as evidence of the 35 filing of such bill of sale, and of the time when such filing took place.

25. Any person shall be entitled to have an office copy or an office copies. extract of every bill of sale, or of the copy thereof, filed as aforesaid, upon paying for the same the sum of fourpence per folio of seventy-

26. Every bill of sale and every notice of intention to give a Bills of sale to be bill of sale, and every caveat under the provisions of this Act, and public records. every other document whatever filed or registered in any Court of Record or with the Registrar General shall be, and the same are

hereby declared to be public records.

27. The Registrar-General shall enter up satisfaction upon any Satisfaction may be bill of sale or copy thereof respectively filed as aforesaid, upon the entered. party applying to have such satisfaction entered up filing in the office of the Registrar-General an affidavit of the grantee of such bill of sale, or his attorney, to the effect that the debt or consideration for 50 which such bill of sale was given as security has been satisfied or discharged

28. Upon entering up satisfaction as aforesaid, the Registrar-Satisfactions to be General shall cause an entry to be made in a book kept for that indexed and open to nurpose of the number and data of the entry of such actification. purpose of the number and date of the entry of such satisfaction, and

55 every such book and particulars of such satisfactions may be inspected by any person at all reasonable times on payment to the Registrar-General of a fee of sixpence.

29. From and after the passing of this Act, the Act set out in Repeal clause. the Fifth Schedule hereto shall be repealed: Provided that (except as

is herein expressly mentioned with respect to registration under this Act and renewal of registration) nothing in this Act shall affect any bill of sale executed before the passing of this Act, and as regards bills of sale so executed the Act hereby repealed shall continue in force:

5 Provided always that every bill of sale that shall have been executed prior to the passing of this Act shall become null and void to all intents and purposes as against the same persons, and as regards the same property and effects, as if such bill of sale or a copy thereof respectively had not been filed according to the provisions of this Act,

10 unless within a period of six months from the date of the passing of this Act an affidavit containing the particulars set out in section eighteen be filed within six months after the passing of this Act, and unless a similar affidavit shall be filed during each succeeding twelve months.

30. Nothing in this Act shall extend to any preferable lien upon Preferable Liens 15 wool or mortgage of sheep or other cattle within the protection Act. respectively of the Acts, or any of them legalising such instruments.

FIRST SCHEDULE. NOTICE OF INTENTION TO GIVE BILL OF SALE.

20	Grantor or grantors.			Property comprised in bill of sale.		Consideration.		Grantee or grantees.			
25	Name or names in full, and where the grantors are a partnership firm not incorporated, the usual name or style of such firm.	Business or occupation.	Place of business or residence.	Description in general terms.	Where situate.	Past debt.	Advance at time of giving bill of sale.	Future advances.	Name or names in full.	Business or occupation.	Place of business or residence.

I [or we] the abovenamed grantor [or grantors] hereby give notice that a bill of 30 sale intended to be given by me [or us] over the property above described to the above named grantee [or grantees] to secure the debt or advances above mentioned will be filed after the expiration of fourteen days from the date of lodging this notice, and I [or we] hereby direct that notice of any caveat which may be entered against the filing of such hill of sale may be posted addressed as follows [fill in address]: of such bill of sale may be posted addressed as follows [fill in address]:—

Dated this day of 18

Signature of grantor [or grantors] or his [or their] attorney or agent. ged this day of 18 Lodged this

To the Registrar-General.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

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CAVEAT.

To the Registrar-General. Take notice that I [or we] [fill in name or names, or if the caveators be a partnership firm not incorporated, the usual name or style of such firm, and the business, occupation,

ship firm not incorporated, the usual name or style of such firm, and the business, occupation, and place of business, or residence, of caveator or caveators] being a creditor [or creditors] 45 of [fill in name, occupation, and place of business of grantor or grantors, as described in his, or their notice] in respect of a debt of £ [state the amount claimed to be due] due to me [or us] for [and the nature of the debt as "for goods sold and delivered" "on balance of account current" "money lent" "rent" &c.] hereby forbid the filing of any bill of sale in pursuance of the notice given by the said lodged on the

day of 18, and I [or we] do hereby appoint as the place at which [and [where the caveators are a partnership firm not incorporated] as the member of our firm on whom] notices and proceedings relating to this caveat may be served.

Dated the day of

Signature of caveator [or caveators, or usual signature of the partnership firm above-mentioned] or his [or their] attorney or agent.

day of 18.

Registrar-General. THIRD

THIRD SCHEDULE.

APPLICATION TO WITHDRAW CAVEAT.

To the Registrar-General.

Take notice that I [or we] [fill in name or names, or if the caveators be a partnership 5 firm not incorporated the usual name or style of such firm, and the business, occupation, and place of business or residence of caveator or caveators] hereby withdraw the caveat lodged by me [or us] on the day of against the filing of the bill of sale specified in the notice of [name of grantor or grantors] of [address of grantor or grantors] lodged on the day of 18.

Signature of caveator [or caveators, or usual signature of the partnership firm above-mentioned] or his [or their] attorney or agent. 10

FOURTH SCHEDULE.

15	Name, &c., of the person making or giving the bill of sale or of the person (divested of property.	person making or viving the bill of sale or of the person or given. Name, &c., of the person to whom made or given.		Date of execution.	Date of filing.	Sum for which made or given.	When and how payable.

FIFTH SCHEDULE. 20

No. of Act.	Title of Act.	Effect of repeal.	
19 Vic. No. 2	An Act for preventing frauds upon creditors by secret bills of sale of personal chattels.	The whole.	

This Public Bill originated in the Legislative Council, and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber, Sydney, March, 1893.

Acting Clerk of the Parliaments.

New South Wales.



ANNO QUINQUAGESIMO SEXTO

VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

No.

An Act to amend the law relating to Bills of Sale of Personal Chattels.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the law relating to Bills of Preamble.

Sale of Personal Chattels: 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 in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the "Bills of Sale Act of 1893," Short title. and shall come into operation on the first day of July, one thousand Commencement of eight hundred and ninety-three.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise indicates, the Interpretation of following terms have and include the meanings set against them terms.

respectively, that is to say,—

"Bill of sale" shall include bills of sale, agreements to give bills of sale, assignments, transfers, declarations of trust without transfer, contracts for the letting or hiring of any personal chattels, whereby on default in payment of rent, interest, or purchase money, in whole or in part, the right is given to the lessor to seize the chattel and other assurances of personal chattels, and also powers of attorney, authorities, or licenses to take possession of personal chattels as security for any debt, but shall not include the following documents, that is to say, assignments for the benefit of the creditors of the persons making or c 39—

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Bills of Sale (No. 2).

giving the same, marriage settlements, transfers or assignments of any ship or vessel or any share thereof, transfers of goods in the ordinary course of business of any trade or calling, bills of sale of goods in foreign parts or at sea, bills of lading, India warrants, warehouse-keepers certificates, warrants or orders for the delivery of goods, or any other documents used in the ordinary course of business as proof of the possession or control of goods, or authorising or purporting to authorise either by endorsement or delivery the possessor of such document to transfer or receive goods thereby represented.

"Personal chattels" shall mean goods, furniture, fixtures, and other articles capable of complete transfer by delivery, and shall not include chattel interests in real estate, nor shares or interests in the stock funds or securities of any government, or in the capital or property of any incorporated or joint stock company, nor choses in action, nor any stock or produce upon any farm or lands which by virtue of any covenant or agreement, express or implied, ought not to be removed from any farm where the same shall be at the time of the making or giving of such bill of sale.

And personal chattels shall be deemed to be in the "apparent possession" of the person making or giving the bill of sale so long as they shall remain or be in or upon any land occupied by him, or as they shall be used and enjoyed by him in any place whatsoever, notwithstanding that formal possession thereof may have been taken by or given to any other person.

3. Every bill of sale of personal chattels made after the Bills of sale to be passing of this Act, either absolutely or conditionally, or subject filed in the office of the Registrar-30 or not subject to any trusts, and whereby the grantee or holder shall General. have power, either with or without notice, and either immediately after the making of such bill of sale, or at any future time, to seize or take possession of any property and effects comprised in or made subject to such bill of sale, and every schedule or inventory which

35 shall be thereto annexed or therein referred to, or a true copy thereof respectively, and of every attestation of the execution thereof shall, together with an affidavit of the time of such bill of sale being made or given, and a description of the residence and occupation of the person making or giving the same, or in case the same shall be

40 made or given by any person under or in the execution of any process, then a description of the residence and occupation of the person against whom such process shall have issued, and of every attesting witness to such bill of sale, be filed in the office of the Registrar-General within thirty days after the making or giving such bill

45 of sale, otherwise such bill of sale shall as against all assignees of the estate and effects of the person whose goods or any of them are comprised in such bill of sale under any laws now or hereafter to be in force relating to bankruptcy or insolvency, and as against all officers and other persons seizing any property or effects comprised in

50 such bill of sale in the execution of any process of any Court of law or equity authorising the seizure of the goods of the person by whom or of whose goods such bill of sale shall have been made, and against every person on whose behalf such process shall have been issued be null and void to all intents and purposes whatsoever, so far as regards

55 the property in or right to the possession of any personal chattels comprised in such bill of sale, which at the commencement of such bankruptcy, or of the estate of the debtor being placed under sequestration, or at or after the time of executing such process (as the case may be), shall be in the possession or apparent possession of the person

making such bill of sale, or of any person against whom the process shall have issued under or in the execution of which such bill of sale shall have been made or given, as the case may be.

4. Every bill of sale made after the passing of this Act which Rights of creditors 5 shall not be filed in manner beforementioned and within the time or against unregistered times limited by this Act shall as against every creditor of the person whose goods are comprised in such bill of sale and whose debt arose prior or subsequently to the execution of such bill of sale be null and void to all intents and purposes whatsoever so far as regards the property

10 in or right to the possession of any personal chattels comprised in such bill of sale which at any time after the expiration of thirty days from the execution of such bill of sale and at the time when such debt arose shall be in the possession or apparent possession of the person making or giving such bill of sale. And in case any grantee or holder of such

15 bill of sale shall have taken possession of such personal chattels after the expiration of the time or times limited for registration as aforesaid, any such creditor may to the extent of his debt or claim recover the value of such personal chattels so taken possession of from such grantee or holder of such bill of sale by action on the case: Provided always that

20 the liability of such grantee or holder to any one or more creditors under this section shall only extend to the value of such personal chattels taken possession of by him and no more, and after the payment of such value, whether to one creditor or in the whole to several creditors, the liability of such grantee or holder shall cease, 25 provided further that nothing in this section contained shall apply to a

contract for the letting or hiring of any personal chattels.

5. In case two or more bills of sale are given comprising in Bill of sale to take whole or in part any of the same personal chattels, they shall have effect according to priority of registrapriority in the order of the date of their filing in the office of the tion.

30 Registrar-General as aforesaid, respectively, as regards such chattels.

6. No bill of sale executed after the passing of this Act shall No bill of sale to be be filed unless notice of the intention to make or give the same be filed until after notice of intention to file. lodged at the office of the Registrar-General fourteen days before the filing thereof, and upon such lodgment there shall be paid to the

35 Registrar-General a fee of one shilling.

7. Every such notice shall be in the form in the First Schedule Form of notice. hereto or to the like effect, and shall contain a statement of the particulars in such form mentioned, and shall specify an address to which notices of caveats may be posted, and the Registrar-General shall cause

40 the date at which such notice is lodged to be marked thereupon. 8. The Registrar-General shall cause a book to be kept in which Notices to be indexed the names and additions of all persons intending to make or give any and open to in-bill of sale (herein called the grantors) specified in such notices, shall be entered in alphabetical order, with the dates on which such notices are

45 lodged, and such book shall be open to the inspection of any person upon payment of a fee of one shilling, and any person may inspect and take a copy of any notice lodged as hereinbefore mentioned upon payment of a fee of sixpence.

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10. If a caveat shall be entered as hereinafter provided against Caveat to stay filing. 55 the making or giving the bill of sale specified in any such notice such bill of sale shall not be filed until the caveat be removed or withdrawn, as hereinafter provided. And no other notice between the same parties and as regards the same personal chattels, or any part thereof, shall be lodged, and no bill of sale shall be filed in pursuance thereof

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30 a creditor of the grantor, or, in the case of a secured creditor, if the Judge shall be of opinion that the security held by the secured creditor is sufficient to satisfy his debt or claim, the Judge may order that the caveat be removed, and upon service of the order upon the Registrar-General he shall remove the caveat therein mentioned.

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15. Where an order shall have been made for the removal of a 45 caveat the same period shall be allowed for the filing of the bill of sale as if such caveat had not been lodged, but a memorandum shall be endorsed upon the filed copy of the bill of sale to the effect that the bill of sale is registered under section fifteen of this Act.

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15 on the security of such bill of sale, or in the case of a corporation by its manager or other officer able to depose of his own knowledge as to the amount owing on the security thereof or payable in respect of the personal chattels comprised in such bill of sale (such affidavit to be filed within seven days from the day of swearing the same),

20 stating the amount owing on the security thereof or payable in respect of the personal chattels comprised in such bill of sale at the date of swearing the affidavit, and at the expiration of twelve months from the filing of any such affidavit or of any subsequent affidavit such bill of sale shall in like manner become null and void unless a like

25 affidavit is filed within such further period of twelve months showing the amount then owing on the security of such bill of sale, or payable in respect of the personal chattels comprised in such bill of sale: Provided always that in the case of a contract for the letting or hiring of any personal chattels this section shall only apply where the 30 personal chattels comprised therein are to become the property of the

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tions of the persons making or giving the bill of sale, and the number of such bill of sale to which the affidavit refers, and he shall be 40 entitled to receive one shilling and no more for filing every such affidavit, and every such affidavit may be inspected by any person at all reasonable times on payment to the Registrar-General of a fee of sixpence, and such book may be likewise inspected by any person on

payment of a fee of sixpence.

20. If such bill of sale shall be made or given subject to any Defeasances and defeasance or condition or declaration of trust not contained in the conditions to be body thereof, such defeasance or condition or declaration of trust shall of sale. for the purposes of this Act be taken as part of such bill of sale and shall be written on the same paper or parchment on which such bill of 50 sale shall be written before the time when the same or a copy thereof

respectively shall be filed, otherwise such bill of sale shall be null and void to all intents and purposes as against the same persons, and as regards the same property and effects as if such bill of sale or a copy thereof respectively had not been filed according to the provisions of 55 this Act.

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22. The Registrar-General shall cause every bill of sale and every Registrar-General to such schedule and inventory as aforesaid, and every such copy filed as keep books.

aforesaid to be numbered, and shall keep a book or books in his said 10 office, in which he shall cause to be fairly entered an alphabetical list of every such bill of sale containing therein the name, addition, and description of the person making or giving the same, or (in case the same shall be made or given by any person under or in the execution of process as aforesaid then) the name, addition, and description, of the 15 person against whom such process shall have issued, and also of the

person to whom or in whose favour the same shall have been given, together with the number and the dates of the execution and filing of the same, and the sum for which the same has been given, and the time or times if any when the same is thereby made payable according 20 to the form contained in the Fourth Schedule to this Act, which said

book or books, and every bill of sale or copy thereof filed in the said office may be searched and viewed by all persons at all reasonable times on paying to the said Registrar-General for every search against one person the sum of one shilling and no more.

23. The Registrar-General shall be entitled to receive for filing Fee for filing. and entering every such bill of sale, or a copy thereof as aforesaid, the sum of one shilling and no more.

24. Upon the filing of any copy of a bill of sale under this Act, Receipt to be the Registrar-General or other proper officer in that behalf shall endorse indorsed on copy of 30 thereon a receipt for the same, in which shall be specified the certain day, hour, and time on which the same shall have been filed, and the Registrar-General or other proper officer in that behalf shall then attach his signature to the said receipt, and every such receipt so indorsed and signed shall be taken and allowed as evidence of the 35 filing of such bill of sale, and of the time when such filing took place.

25. Any person shall be entitled to have an office copy or an office copies. extract of every bill of sale, or of the copy thereof, filed as aforesaid, upon paying for the same the sum of fourpence per folio of seventytwo words.

26. Every bill of sale and every notice of intention to give a Bills of sale to be 40 bill of sale, and every caveat under the provisions of this Act, and public records. every other document whatever filed or registered in any Court of Record or with the Registrar General shall be, and the same are hereby declared to be public records.

45 27. The Registrar-General shall enter up satisfaction upon any satisfaction may be a bill of sale or copy thereof respectively filed as aforesaid, upon the entered. party applying to have such satisfaction entered up filing in the office of the Registrar-General an affidavit of the grantee of such bill of sale, or his attorney, to the effect that the debt or consideration for 50 which such bill of sale was given as security has been satisfied or discharged.

28. Upon entering up satisfaction as aforesaid, the Registrar-Satisfactions to be General shall cause an entry to be made in a book kept for that indexed and open to number and date of the number purpose of the number and date of the entry of such satisfaction, and 55 every such book and particulars of such satisfactions may be inspected

by any person at all reasonable times on payment to the Registrar-General of a fee of sixpence.

29. From and after the passing of this Act, the Act set out in Repeal clause. the Fifth Schedule hereto shall be repealed: Provided that (except as an end) evoled

is herein expressly mentioned with respect to registration under this Act and renewal of registration) nothing in this Act shall affect any bill of sale executed before the passing of this Act, and as regards bills of sale so executed the Act hereby repealed shall continue in force:

5 Provided always that every bill of sale that shall have been executed prior to the passing of this Act shall become null and void to all intents and purposes as against the same persons, and as regards the same property and effects, as if such bill of sale or a copy thereof respectively had not been filed according to the provisions of this Act,

10 unless within a period of six months from the date of the passing of this Act an affidavit containing the particulars set out in section eighteen be filed within six months after the passing of this Act, and unless a similar affidavit shall be filed during each succeeding twelve months.

similar affidavit shall be filed during each succeeding twelve months.

30. Nothing in this Act shall extend to any preferable lien upon Preferable Liens

15 wool or mortgage of sheep or other cattle within the protection Act.

respectively of the Acts, or any of them legalising such instruments.

FIRST SCHEDULE. Notice of Intention to give Bill of Sale.

20	Grantor or grantors.			Property comprised in bill of sale.		Consideration.			Grantee or grantees.		
25	Name or names in full, and where the grantors are a partnership firm not incorporated, the usual name or style of such firm.	occupation.	Place of business or residence.	Description in general terms.	Where situate.	Past debt.	Advance at time of giving bill of sale.	Future advances.	Name or names in full.	Business or occupation.	Place of business or residence.
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I [or we] the abovenamed grantor [or grantors] hereby give notice that a bill of 30 sale intended to be given by me [or us] over the property above described to the above named grantee [or grantees] to secure the debt or advances above mentioned will be filed after the expiration of fourteen days from the date of lodging this notice, and I [or we] hereby direct that notice of any caveat which may be entered against the filing of such bill of sale may be posted addressed as follows [fill in address]:—

35 Dated this day of 18

Dated this day of 18
Signature of grantor [or grantors] or his [or their] attorney or agent.
Lodged this day of 18

To the Registrar-General.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

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CAVEAT.

To the Registrar-General.

Take notice that I [or we] [fill in name or names, or if the caveators be a partner-ship firm not incorporated, the usual name or style of such firm, and the business, occupation, and place of business, or residence, of caveator or caveators] being a creditor [or creditors]

45 of [fill in name, occupation, and place of business of grantor or grantors, as described in his, or their notice] in respect of a debt of £ [state the amount claimed to be due] due to me [or us] for [and the nature of the debt as "for goods sold and delivered" "on balance of account current" "money lent" "rent" &c.] hereby forbid the filing of any bill of sale in pursuance of the notice given by the said lodged on the

as the place at which [and [where the caveators are a partnership firm not incorporated]
as the member of our firm on whom] notices and proceedings relating to
this caveat may be served.

Dated the day of 18.

Signature of caveator [or caveators, or usual signature of the partnership firm above-mentioned] or his [or their] attorney or agent.

Lodged the day of 18.

Registrar-General.
THIRD

THIRD SCHEDULE.

APPLICATION TO WITHDRAW CAVEAT.

To the Registrar-General.

Take notice that I [or we] [fill in name or names, or if the caveators be a partnership 5 firm not incorporated the usual name or style of such firm, and the business, occupation, and place of business or residence of caveator or caveators] hereby withdraw the caveat lodged by me [or us] on the day of against the filing of the bill of sale specified in the notice of [name of grantor or grantors] of [address of grantor or grantors] lodged on the day of 18

Signature of caveator [or caveators, or usual signature of the partnership firm above-mentioned] or his [or their] attorney or agent. 10

FOURTH SCHEDULE.

15	Name, &c., of the person making or giving the bill of sale or of the person divested of property.	or given	Whether bill of sale, assignment, transfer, or what other assurance, and whether absolute or conditional, and number.	Date of execution.	Date of filling.	Sum for which made or given.	When and how payable.
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20 FIFTH SCHEDULE. No. of Act. Title of Act. Effect of repeal.

An Act for preventing frauds upon creditors by secret bills of sale of personal chattels. 19 Vic. No. 2...

This Public Bill originated in the Legislative Council, and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber, Sydney, March, 1893.

Acting Clerk of the Parliaments.

New South Wales.



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VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

No.

An Act to amend the law relating to Bills of Sale of Personal Chattels.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the law relating to Bills of Preamble.

Sale of Personal Chattels: 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 5 Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the "Bills of Sale Act of 1893," short title. and shall come into operation on the first day of July, one thousand Commencement of eight hundred and ninety-three.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise indicates, the Interpretation of following terms have and include the meanings set against them terms. respectively, that is to say,—

"Bill of sale" shall include bills of sale, agreements to give bills of sale, assignments, transfers, declarations of trust without transfer, contracts for the letting or hiring of any personal chattels, whereby on default in payment of rent, interest, or purchase money, in whole or in part, the right is given to the lessor to seize the chattel and other assurances of personal chattels, and also powers of attorney, authorities, or licenses to take possession of personal chattels as security for any debt, but shall not include the following documents, that is to say, assignments for the benefit of the creditors of the persons making or c 39—

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giving the same, marriage settlements, transfers or assignments of any ship or vessel or any share thereof, transfers of goods in the ordinary course of business of any trade or calling, bills of sale of goods in foreign parts or at sea, bills of lading, India warrants, warehouse-keepers certificates, warrants or orders for the delivery of goods, or any other documents used in the ordinary course of business as proof of the possession or control of goods, or authorising or purporting to authorise either by endorsement or delivery the possessor of such document to transfer or receive goods thereby represented.

"Personal chattels" shall mean goods, furniture, fixtures, and other articles capable of complete transfer by delivery, and shall not include chattel interests in real estate, nor shares or interests in the stock funds or securities of any government, or in the capital or property of any incorporated or joint stock company, nor choses in action, nor any stock or produce upon any farm or lands which by virtue of any covenant or agreement, express or implied, ought not to be removed from any farm where the same shall be at the time of the making

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or giving of such bill of sale.

And personal chattels shall be deemed to be in the "apparent possession" of the person making or giving the bill of sale so long as they shall remain or be in or upon any land occupied by him, or as they shall be used and enjoyed by him in any place whatsoever, notwithstanding that formal possession thereof may have been taken by or given to any other person.

3. Every bill of sale of personal chattels made after the Bills of sale to be passing of this Act, either absolutely or conditionally, or subject filed in the office of 30 or not subject to any trusts, and whereby the grantee or holder shall General. have power, either with or without notice, and either immediately after the making of such bill of sale, or at any future time, to seize or take possession of any property and effects comprised in or made subject to such bill of sale, and every schedule or inventory which 35 shall be thereto annexed or therein referred to, or a true copy

thereof respectively, and of every attestation of the execution thereof shall, together with an affidavit of the time of such bill of sale being made or given, and a description of the residence and occupation of the person making or giving the same, or in case the same shall be 40 made or given by any person under or in the execution of any process,

then a description of the residence and occupation of the person against whom such process shall have issued, and of every attesting witness to such bill of sale, be filed in the office of the Registrar-General within thirty days after the making or giving such bill

45 of sale, otherwise such bill of sale shall as against all assignees of the estate and effects of the person whose goods or any of them are comprised in such bill of sale under any laws now or hereafter to be in force relating to bankruptcy or insolvency, and as against all officers and other persons seizing any property or effects comprised in

50 such bill of sale in the execution of any process of any Court of law or equity authorising the seizure of the goods of the person by whom or of whose goods such bill of sale shall have been made, and against every person on whose behalf such process shall have been issued be null and void to all intents and purposes whatsoever, so far as regards

55 the property in or right to the possession of any personal chattels comprised in such bill of sale, which at the commencement of such bankruptcy, or of the estate of the debtor being placed under sequestration, or at or after the time of executing such process (as the case may be), shall be in the possession or apparent possession of the person

making such bill of sale, or of any person against whom the process shall have issued under or in the execution of which such bill of sale shall have been made or given, as the case may be.

4. Every bill of sale made after the passing of this Act which Rights of creditors 5 shall not be filed in manner beforementioned and within the time or bill of sale holder. times limited by this Act shall as against every creditor of the person whose goods are comprised in such bill of sale and whose debt arose prior or subsequently to the execution of such bill of sale be null and void to all intents and purposes whatsoever so far as regards the property

10 in or right to the possession of any personal chattels comprised in such bill of sale which at any time after the expiration of thirty days from the execution of such bill of sale and at the time when such debt arose shall be in the possession or apparent possession of the person making or giving such bill of sale. And in case any grantee or holder of such

15 bill of sale shall have taken possession of such personal chattels after the expiration of the time or times limited for registration as aforesaid, any such creditor may to the extent of his debt or claim recover the value of such personal chattels so taken possession of from such grantee or holder of such bill of sale by action on the case: Provided always that

20 the liability of such grantee or holder to any one or more creditors under this section shall only extend to the value of such personal chattels taken possession of by him and no more, and after the payment of such value, whether to one creditor or in the whole to several creditors, the liability of such grantee or holder shall cease, 25 provided further that nothing in this section contained shall apply to a

contract for the letting or hiring of any personal chattels.

5. In case two or more bills of sale are given comprising in Bill of sale to take whole or in part any of the same personal chattels, they shall have effect according to priority of registrapriority in the order of the date of their filing in the office of the tion. 30 Registrar-General as aforesaid, respectively, as regards such chattels.

6. No bill of sale executed after the passing of this Act shall No bill of sale to be be filed unless notice of the intention to make or give the same be of intention to file. lodged at the office of the Registrar-General fourteen days before the filing thereof, and upon such lodgment there shall be paid to the

35 Registrar-General a fee of one shilling.

7. Every such notice shall be in the form in the First Schedule Form of notice. hereto or to the like effect, and shall contain a statement of the particulars in such form mentioned, and shall specify an address to which notices of caveats may be posted, and the Registrar-General shall cause 40 the date at which such notice is lodged to be marked thereupon.

8. The Registrar-General shall cause a book to be kept in which Notices to be indexed the names and additions of all persons intending to make or give any and open to in-bill of sale (herein called the grantors) specified in such notices, shall be entered in alphabetical order, with the dates on which such notices are

45 lodged, and such book shall be open to the inspection of any person upon payment of a fee of one shilling, and any person may inspect and take a copy of any notice lodged as hereinbefore mentioned upon payment of a fee of sixpence.

9. No bill of sale specified in any such notice shall be filed Time within which 50 before the expiration of fourteen days from the day of lodging such bill of sale may be notice, or after the expiration of thirty days from the last day limited for entering a caveat as hereinafter mentioned, save as provided in section thirteen.

10. If a caveat shall be entered as hereinafter provided against Caveat to stay filing. 55 the making or giving the bill of sale specified in any such notice such bill of sale shall not be filed until the caveat be removed or withdrawn, as hereinafter provided. And no other notice between the same parties and as regards the same personal chattels, or any part thereof, shall be lodged, and no bill of sale shall be filed in pursuance thereof

while a previous notice shall be current, or until the caveat lodged in respect of the previous notice shall be removed or withdrawn as here- lo lid yng of inafter provided.

11. Any creditor of the grantor in such notice mentioned may at Creditor may enter 5 any time within fourteen days from the day on which notice shall be caveat. lodged, enter a caveat against the making or giving the bill of sale specified in the notice by lodging such caveat with the Registrar-General and paying a fee of one shilling, and every such caveat shall be in the form in the Second Schedule hereto or to the like effect, and shall contain the

10 particulars therein mentioned, and shall specify a place within two miles of the General Post Office, Sydney, at which notices relating to such caveat may be served, and every notice relating to such caveat if served at such place shall be deemed to be duly served.

12. Upon the receipt of any such caveat the Registrar-General Caveat to be notified 15 shall cause a copy thereof to be posted to the grantor mentioned in to grantor who may summon the notice at the address specified in the notice, and the grantor may caveator. summon the caveator before a Judge of the Supreme Court or the District Court holden at Sydney to show cause why his caveat should not be removed, and upon the return of such summons the Judge shall

20 hear and determine whether the caveator is a creditor of the grantor, and any person to whom the grantor is indebted on any account whatsoever, at law or in equity, on the balance of account or otherwise, and whether the debt be due or to accrue due, secured or unsecured, shall be deemed to be a creditor within the meaning of this section.

25 13. If on the hearing of such summons it shall appear that the Judge may order caveator is a creditor of the grantor the Judge may make an order filing to be stayed or directing that no bill of sale shall be filed in pursuance of the notice mentioned in the caveat until the debt for which he shall be found to be a creditor be satisfied, but if it shall not appear that the caveator is

30 a creditor of the grantor, or, in the case of a secured creditor, if the Judge shall be of opinion that the security held by the secured creditor is sufficient to satisfy his debt or claim, the Judge may order that the caveat be removed, and upon service of the order upon the Registrar-General he shall remove the caveat therein mentioned.

14. A caveator may withdraw his caveat at any time by signing caveat may be with-35 an application for the withdrawal thereof in the form in the Third drawn or removal ordered at any time. Schedule hereto or to the like effect, and if after satisfaction of his debt the caveator shall refuse to withdraw his caveat or to sign an application for the withdrawal thereof, the grantor may summon

40 the caveator before a Judge, as hereinbefore mentioned, to show cause why the caveat should not be removed, and the Judge may order the removal of such caveat, and upon the service of the order upon the Registrar-General he shall remove the caveat therein mentioned.

15. Where an order shall have been made for the removal of a 45 caveat the same period shall be allowed for the filing of the bill of sale as if such caveat had not been lodged, but a memorandum shall be endorsed upon the filed copy of the bill of sale to the effect that the bill of sale is registered under section fifteen of this Act.

16. Upon the hearing of any summons under this Act the Judge Judge to have 50 may make such order as to costs as he may think fit, and any person jurisdiction to award not a creditor of the grantor entering a caveat without reasonable sation. cause for considering himself to be a creditor, and any caveator refusing without reasonable cause to sign an application for withdrawal of his caveat after satisfaction of his debt shall be liable to pay the grantor 55 such sum by way of compensation as the Judge upon the hearing of any such summons may deem just and may order.

17. Nothing in the preceding sections contained as to the notice Notice of intention of intention to give a bill of sale, or any caveat thereon, or any pro-not to apply to hire ceeding thereunder, shall apply to a contract for the letting or hiring

of any personal chattels as described in section two of this Act, nor to any bill of sale given to secure the payment of a sum not exceeding fifty pounds. But such exemptions shall apply to not more than one bill of sale given by the same person having currency at the same time.

18. Every bill of sale which shall hereafter be made or given Filing of bill of sale otherwise than under or in execution of any process shall, at the to be renewed every expiration of twelve months from the filing thereof, become null and preserve validity void as against the same persons and as regards the same property and conferred by filing. effects as if such bill of sale, or a copy thereof, had not, in the first

10 instance, been filed according to the provisions of this Act, unless within that time an affidavit shall be filed in the office of the Registrar-General made by the person or one of the persons entitled to the money secured thereby, or owing or payable thereunder, or his attorney or agent able to depose of his own knowledge as to the amount owing

15 on the security of such bill of sale, or in the case of a corporation by its manager or other officer able to depose of his own knowledge as to the amount owing on the security thereof or payable in respect of the personal chattels comprised in such bill of sale (such affidavit to be filed within seven days from the day of swearing the same),

20 stating the amount owing on the security thereof or payable in respect of the personal chattels comprised in such bill of sale at the date of swearing the affidavit, and at the expiration of twelve months from the filing of any such affidavit or of any subsequent affidavit such bill of sale shall in like manner become null and void unless a like 25 affidavit is filed within such further period of twelve months showing

the amount then owing on the security of such bill of sale, or payable in respect of the personal chattels comprised in such bill of sale: Provided always that in the case of a contract for the letting or hiring of any personal chattels this section shall only apply where the

30 personal chattels comprised therein are to become the property of the hirer upon the payment of a certain sum of money: And provided always that nothing in this section contained shall apply to any bill

of sale which is not in the nature of a mortgage security.

19. Upon the filing of any such affidavit the Registrar-General Affidavit renewing 35 shall cause an entry to be made in a book kept for that purpose of the filing to be entered and to be open to number and date of filing such affidavit, and the amount thereby inspection in office of deposed to be owing, together with the names, additions, and descrip
Registrar-General. tions of the persons making or giving the bill of sale, and the number of such bill of sale to which the affidavit refers, and he shall be 40 entitled to receive one shilling and no more for filing every such affidavit, and every such affidavit may be inspected by any person at all reasonable times on payment to the Registrar-General of a fee of

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20. If such bill of sale shall be made or given subject to any Defeasances and defeasance or condition or declaration of trust not contained in the conditions to be defeasance or condition or declaration of trust not contained in the written on the bill body thereof, such defeasance or condition or declaration of trust shall of sale. for the purposes of this Act be taken as part of such bill of sale and shall be written on the same paper or parchment on which such bill of 50 sale shall be written before the time when the same or a copy thereof respectively shall be filed, otherwise such bill of sale shall be null and void to all intents and purposes as against the same persons, and as regards the same property and effects as if such bill of sale or a copy

sixpence, and such book may be likewise inspected by any person on

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of 1887," or any Act amending the same.

22. The Registrar-General shall cause every bill of sale and every Registrar-General to such schedule and inventory as aforesaid, and every such copy filed as keep books.

aforesaid to be numbered, and shall keep a book or books in his said 10 office, in which he shall cause to be fairly entered an alphabetical list of every such bill of sale containing therein the name, addition, and description of the person making or giving the same, or (in case the same shall be made or given by any person under or in the execution of process as aforesaid then) the name, addition, and description, of the

15 person against whom such process shall have issued, and also of the person to whom or in whose favour the same shall have been given, together with the number and the dates of the execution and filing of the same, and the sum for which the same has been given, and the time or times if any when the same is thereby made payable according

20 to the form contained in the Fourth Schedule to this Act, which said book or books, and every bill of sale or copy thereof filed in the said office may be searched and viewed by all persons at all reasonable times on paying to the said Registrar-General for every search against

one person the sum of one shilling and no more.

23. The Registrar-General shall be entitled to receive for filing Fee for filing. 25 and entering every such bill of sale, or a copy thereof as aforesaid, the

sum of one shilling and no more.

24. Upon the filing of any copy of a bill of sale under this Act, Receipt to be the Registrar-General or other proper officer in that behalf shall endorse indersed on copy of the proper of the result of the same in thick shall be said that the bill of sale. 30 thereon a receipt for the same, in which shall be specified the certain day, hour, and time on which the same shall have been filed, and the Registrar-General or other proper officer in that behalf shall then attach his signature to the said receipt, and every such receipt so indorsed and signed shall be taken and allowed as evidence of the

35 filing of such bill of sale, and of the time when such filing took place.
25. Any person shall be entitled to have an office copy or an office copies. extract of every bill of sale, or of the copy thereof, filed as aforesaid, upon paying for the same the sum of fourpence per folio of seventy-

two words.

26. Every bill of sale and every notice of intention to give a Bills of sale to be 40 bill of sale, and every caveat under the provisions of this Act, and public records. every other document whatever filed or registered in any Court of Record or with the Registrar General shall be, and the same are

hereby declared to be public records.

27. The Registrar-General shall enter up satisfaction upon any satisfaction may be 45 bill of sale or copy thereof respectively filed as aforesaid, upon the entered. party applying to have such satisfaction entered up filing in the office of the Registrar-General an affidavit of the grantee of such bill of sale, or his attorney, to the effect that the debt or consideration for 50 which such bill of sale was given as security has been satisfied or discharged.

28. Upon entering up satisfaction as aforesaid, the Registrar-Satisfactions to be General shall cause an entry to be made in a book kept for that indexed and open to purpose of the number and date of the entry of such satisfaction, and 55 every such book and particulars of such satisfactions may be inspected

by any person at all reasonable times on payment to the Registrar-General of a fee of sixpence.

29. From and after the passing of this Act, the Act set out in Repeal clause. the Fifth Schedule hereto shall be repealed: Provided that (except as

is herein expressly mentioned with respect to registration under this Act and renewal of registration) nothing in this Act shall affect any bill of sale executed before the passing of this Act, and as regards bills of sale so executed the Act hereby repealed shall continue in force:

5 Provided always that every bill of sale that shall have been executed prior to the passing of this Act shall become null and void to all intents and purposes as against the same persons, and as regards the same property and effects, as if such bill of sale or a copy thereof respectively had not been filed according to the provisions of this Act,

10 unless within a period of six months from the date of the passing of this Act an affidavit containing the particulars set out in section eighteen be filed within six months after the passing of this Act, and unless a similar affidavit shall be filed during each succeeding twelve months.

30. Nothing in this Act shall extend to any preferable lien upon Preferable Liens 15 wool or mortgage of sheep or other cattle within the protection Act. respectively of the Acts, or any of them legalising such instruments.

FIRST SCHEDULE. NOTICE OF INTENTION TO GIVE BILL OF SALE.

20	Grantor or grantors.		Property comprised in bill of sale.		Con	Consideration.		Grantee or grantees.			
25	Name or names in full, and where the grantors are a partnership firm not incorporated, the usual name or style of such firm.	occupation.	Place of business or residence.	Description in general terms.	Where situate.	Past debt.	Advance at time of giving bill of sale.	Future advances.	Name or names in full.	Business or occupation.	Place of business or residence.
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I [or we] the abovenamed grantor [or grantors] hereby give notice that a bill of 30 sale intended to be given by me [or us] over the property above described to the above named grantee [or grantees] to secure the debt or advances above mentioned will be filed after the expiration of fourteen days from the date of lodging this notice, and I [or we] hereby direct that notice of any caveat which may be entered against the filing of such bill of sale may be posted addressed as follows [fill in address]:—

35 Dated this day of 18

Dated this day of Signature of grantor [or grantors] or his [or their] attorney or agent. Lodged this

To the Registrar-General.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

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CAVEAT.

To the Registrar-General.

Take notice that I [or we] [fill in name or names, or if the caveators be a partnership firm not incorporated, the usual name or style of such firm, and the business, occupation,
and place of business, or residence, of caveator or caveators] being a creditor [or creditors]
45 of [fill in name, occupation, and place of business of grantor or grantors, as described in
his, or their notice] in respect of a debt of £ [state the amount claimed to be due] due to
me [or us] for [and the nature of the debt as "for goods sold and delivered" "on balance
of account current" "money lent" "rent" &c.] hereby forbid the filing of any bill
of sale in pursuance of the notice given by the said lodged on the

day of 18, and I [or we] do hereby appoint as the place at which [and [where the caveators are a partnership firm not incorporated] as the member of our firm on whom] notices and proceedings relating to

Dated the

Signature of caveator [or caveators, or usual signature of the partnership firm above-mentioned] or his [or their] attorney or agent. 55

Registrar-General.

THIRD

THIRD SCHEDULE.

APPLICATION TO WITHDRAW CAVEAT.

To the Registrar-General.

Take notice that I [or we] [fill in name or names, or if the caveators be a partnership 5 firm not incorporated the usual name or style of such firm, and the business, occupation, and place of business or residence of caveator or caveators] hereby withdraw the caveat lodged by me [or us] on the day of against the filing of the bill of sale specified in the notice of [name of grantor or grantors] of [address of grantor or grantors] odged on the day of 18.

Signature of caveator [or caveators, or usual signature of the partnership firm above-mentioned] or his [or their] attorney or agent. 10

FOURTH SCHEDULE.

15	Name, &c., of the person making or giving the bill of sale or of the person divested of property.	Or given	Whether bill of sale, assignment, transfer, or what other assurance, and whether absolute or conditional, and number.	Date of execution.	Date of filing.	Sum for which made or given.	When and how payable.
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20 FIFTH SCHEDULE.

No. of Act.	Title of Act.	Effect of repeal.
19 Vic. No. 2	An Act for preventing frauds upon creditors by secret bills of sale of personal chattels.	The whole.