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- (2) Where a lessor is proceeding by action or otherwise to enforce such a right of re-entry or forfeiture, the lessee may in any suit brought by himself in the Supreme Court of New South Wales in its equitable jurisdiction apply to that court for relief; and that court may grant or refuse relief as that court, having regard to the proceedings and conduct of the parties under the foregoing provisions of this section and to all the other circumstances, thinks fit; and in case of relief may grant it on such terms, if any, as to costs, expenses, damages, compensation, penalty, or otherwise, including the granting of an injunction to restrain any like breach in the future as the court in the circumstances of each case thinks fit.
- (3) For the purpose of this section a lease includes an original or derivative under-lease, also a grant at a fee farm rent, or securing a rent by condition; and a lessee includes an original or derivative under-lessee, and the heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns of a lessee, also a grantee under such a grant as aforesaid, his heirs and assigns; and a lessor includes an original or derivative under-lessor, and the heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns of a lessor, also a grantor as aforesaid, and his heirs and assigns.
- (4) This section applies although the proviso or stipulation under which the right of re-entry or forfeiture accrues is inserted in the lease in pursuance of the directions of any Act of Parliament.
- (5) For the purposes of this section a lease limited to continue as long only as the lessee abstains from committing a breach of covenant, shall be and take effect as a lease to continue for any longer term for which it could subsist, but determinable by a proviso for re-entry on such a breach.

(6) This section does not extend—

- (a) to any Crown lease or to any lease granted by an owner under section eleven of the Mining Laws Amendment Act, 1896, or to any lease or tenancy for a term of one year or less; or
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or agent within the Colony.

3. There shall not after the commencement of this Act be held Merger. or deemed to be any merger by operation of law only of any estate the 36 & 37 Vic. c. 66, s. beneficial interest in which would not be deemed to be merged or 25, subs. (4). extinguished in equity.

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Having reference to the lease of the abovementioned premises, dated the day of 1, from A.B. to C.D., and the covenant by the lessee therein contained [here state concisely the nature of the covenant or covenants breach of which is complained of, as for instance, "to repair,"] and the breach by you of that covenant I hereby give you notice and require you to remedy that breach by [here set out the remedy as, for instance, "by forthwith putting the said premises in repair by doing and executing the repairs in and upon the said premises which are specified in the Schedule hereto annexed"]. And I further require you to make reasonable compensation to my satisfaction for the breach already committed, which compensation I assess at the sum of £

Dated the

day of

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Lessor.

 I Certify that this Public Bill, which originated in the Legislative Council, has finally passed the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales.

Legislative Cuncil Chamber. Sydney, 12th December, 1901.

JOHN J. CALVERT. Clerk of the Parliaments.

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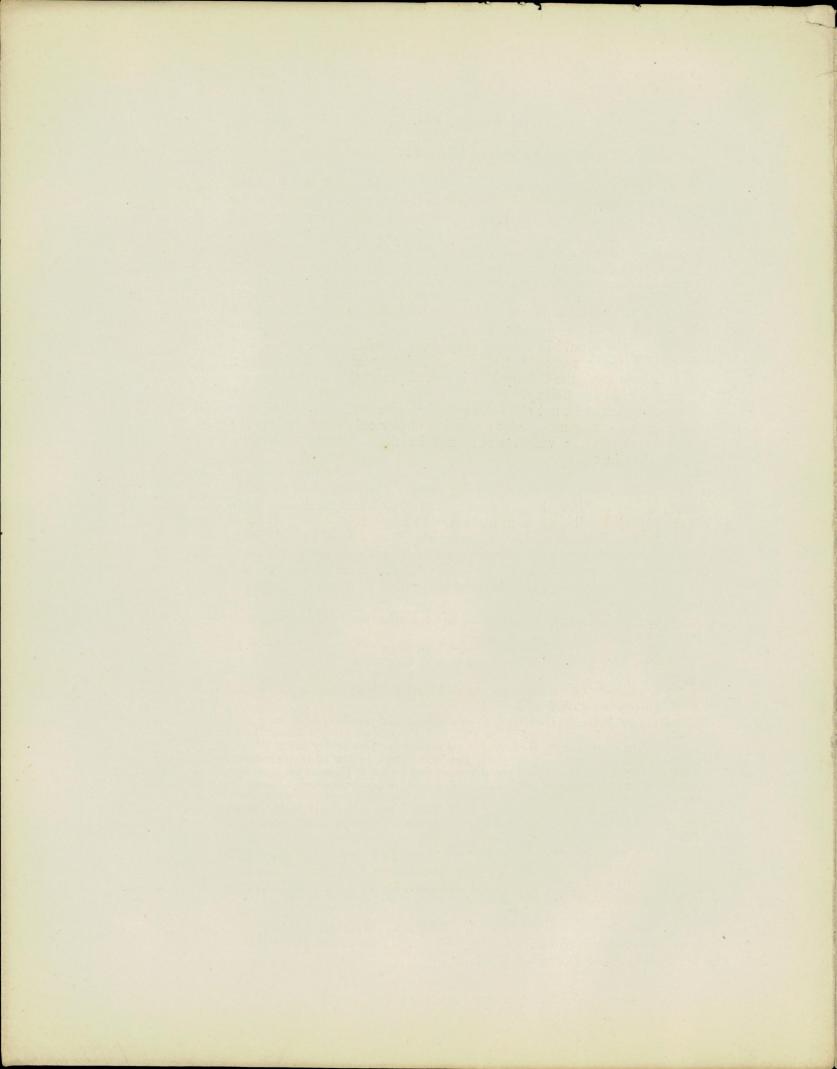
Dated the day of , 19 .

Lessor.

In the name and on the behalf of His Majesty I assent to this Act.

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

State Government House, Sydney, 24th December, 1901. Lieutenant-Governor.



This Public Bill originated in the Legislative Council, and having passed during the previous Session, is now ready for presentation to the LEGISLATIVE Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber, Sydney, 28th August, 1901. JOHN J. CALVERT, Clerk of the Parliaments.

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