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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 Council Chamber, Sydney, 7th August, 1902. } JOHN J. CALVERT, Clerk of the Parliaments.

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

HARRY H. RAWSON, Governor.

State Government House, Sydney, 21st August, 1902.



# Memo. and Certificate to accompany the Usury, Bills of Lading, and Written Memoranda Bill.

THE various subjects here placed together have this in common that they are of interest to mercantile men and deal with some mercantile instruments. On the whole, it has seemed better to join them in one Act than to make four or five separate and very short Acts.

Clause 10. The words "credit money or goods upon" are preserved from the original Act, as their meaning is ambiguous. See Lyde v. Barnard 1, M. and W. p. 101.

I certify that this Bill solely consolidates, and in no way alters, adds to, or amends the law as contained in the enactments therein consolidated.

### CHAS. G. HEYDON, Commissioner for the Consolidation of the Statute Law.

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Section of Repealed Acts.	Section of Consolidated Act.	Remarks.
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TABLE showing how the enactments consolidated have been dealt with.



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, 9th July, 1902. }

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