

No. XVI.**An Act to remove doubts concerning the validity
of Grants of Land in New South Wales.
[9th June, 1836.]**LAND GRANTS
CONFIRMATION.

WHEREAS the Governors Lieutenant Governors and persons Preamble. administering the Government of New South Wales have from time to time been authorized and empowered by His present Majesty and His Majesty's two last Royal predecessors by commission under the Great Seal to grant and dispose of the waste lands of New South Wales and whereas in exercise of the power and authority in them so vested as aforesaid the respective Governors Lieutenant-Governors or persons administering the Government of New South Wales have from time to time made and issued grants or conveyances of lands situated in the said Colony to divers of His Majesty's subjects but such grants or conveyances have been made in the names of the said Governors Lieutenant Governors or persons administering the Government for the time-being and not in the name of His Majesty or either of His Majesty's Royal predecessors and whereas doubts have been entertained whether such grants or conveyances made and issued as aforesaid by reason of the informality thereof are valid in the law or binding upon His Majesty His Heirs and Successors and whereas to remove such doubts and to quiet the titles of His Majesty's subjects holding or entitled to hold any lands in New South Wales so granted or conveyed as aforesaid His Majesty hath through the Right Honorable Charles Viscount Glenelg one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State graciously signified His Royal will and pleasure that all grants or conveyances of lands made by any such Governor Lieutenant Governor or person lawfully administering the Government for the time-being in the exercise or supposed exercise of the powers and authorities in them so vested as aforesaid should be declared to be valid in the law and binding upon His Majesty His Heirs and Successors Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof That all grants deeds or conveyances at any time heretofore made and issued by or in the name of any Governor Lieutenant Governor or person lawfully administering the Government of New South Wales of any lands situated in the said Colony and notwithstanding such grants deeds or conveyances shall not be in the name of His Majesty or of either of His Majesty's two last Royal predecessors shall be and be deemed taken and held to be and to have been from the respective dates thereof as valid and effectual in the law to grant and convey such lands and shall be as binding upon His said Majesty His Heirs and Successors to all intents and purposes as if such grants deeds or conveyances had been made and issued in the name of His Majesty or of either of His Majesty's two last Royal predecessors and had passed and been executed under the Public Seal of the said Colony and had been recorded in the most regular form of law any thing in any Act law custom or usage to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

Declaring the
validity of grants to
land hitherto issued
by the Governors of
the Colony.