

No. XVIII.

DEODANDS
ABOLITION.

An Act to abolish Deodands. [21st August, 1849.]

Preamble.

Chattels moving to
or causing death not
to be forfeited.

It shall not be lawful
for any Coroner's
Jury to find for-
feiture of any chattel
or any deodand.

In indictments it
shall be unnecessary
to declare value of
instrument causing
death.

WHEREAS the Law respecting the Forfeiture of Chattels which have moved to or caused the death of any human being and respecting Deodands is unreasonable and inconvenient Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof That from and after the passing of this Act there shall be no forfeiture of any chattel which may have moved to or caused the death of any human being for or in respect of such death.

2. And be it enacted That it shall not be lawful for any Coroner's Jury sworn to make inquiry upon the sight of any dead body how the deceased came by his or her death to find any forfeiture of any chattel which may have moved to or caused the death of the deceased or any deodand whatsoever.

3. And be it enacted That it shall not be necessary in any information indictment or inquisition for homicide to allege the value of the instrument which caused the death of the deceased or to allege that the same was of no value.