

## No. XXXIX.

An Act to regulate the Currency in New South Wales of the Gold and Silver Coin issued from the Branch of the Royal Mint in Sydney.  
[2nd December, 1854.]

CURRENCY.  
SYDNEY MINT.

WHEREAS Her Majesty has been pleased to authorize the Preamble, establishment at Sydney of a Branch of Her Royal Mint with the intent that the Coins issued therefrom shall by Her Royal Proclamation be made current throughout Her Majesty's Australian Possessions. And whereas it is expected that the said Branch Mint will shortly be in operation but as yet no such Proclamation has been issued nor has any Legislative provision been made for declaring the Coins issued therefrom a legal tender throughout the said Possessions. And whereas it is therefore expedient that a provision should be made by a temporary Act of the Governor and Council of this Colony for making such Coins current and a legal tender within the same. Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales by and with the advice of the Legislative Council thereof as follows:—

1. The Gold Coin issued from the Branch of the Royal Mint in Sydney shall be a legal tender for payments within the Colony of New South Wales and the said Gold Coin shall hold such weight and fineness as are prescribed by law for the standard Gold Coin of Great Britain and Ireland which weight and fineness are hereby declared to be and shall remain to be the standard of and for the lawful Gold Coin of this Colony so far as relates to Gold Coin of the denomination at present in use in Great Britain and Ireland and in case any Gold Coin or Coins of any other denomination shall hereafter be coined at the said Branch Mint in Sydney such Gold Coin and Coins shall hold the like standard and fineness as the Gold Coins of the present denominations and shall hold such weight as shall be proportionate to the weight of the present Gold Coins according to the value for which such Gold Coin or Coins of any new denomination shall be declared to be current.

2. A tender of payment of money made in the Silver Coin of England or the Silver Coin issued from the said Branch Mint of any sum to the extent of forty shillings and no more at any one time shall be reputed a tender in law or allowed to be a legal tender within the Colony of New South Wales either by tale or weight of such Silver Coin or otherwise howsoever.

3. This Act shall be in force until the thirty-first day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five.