

SYDNEY AND  
NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN  
LANDS.

An Act to remove doubts respecting the vesting  
of certain Lands situated within the Dioceses  
of Sydney and Newcastle respectively which  
were formerly vested in the Bishop of  
Australia. [27th August, 1858.]

Preamble

WHEREAS His late Majesty King William the Fourth did by  
letters patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of  
Great Britain and Ireland bearing date at Westminster the eighteenth  
day of January one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six in the  
tenth year of His reign erect found make ordain and constitute all the  
territories

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territories and islands comprised within or dependent upon the Colonies of New South Wales Van Diemen's Land and Western Australia into a Bishop's See or Diocese and did declare and ordain that the same should be styled the Bishoprick of Australia and His said Majesty did by the said letters patent ordain make and constitute the Bishop thereby appointed to be the Bishop and ordinary pastor of the said See of Australia to be a perpetual corporation and to have perpetual succession and that the said Bishop and his successors should be for ever thereafter called by the name of "The Bishop of Australia" And whereas by virtue of certain powers of revocation contained in the said letters patent Her Majesty Queen Victoria did with the concurrence of the said Bishop of Australia by letters patent bearing date the eighteenth day of August one thousand eight hundred and forty-two wholly separate divide and exempt the Island of Van Diemen's Land and certain other portions of the said Diocese of Australia from the jurisdiction authority and Diocese of the said Bishop of Australia and his successors and did ordain make constitute and declare the same to be the Diocese of the Bishop of Tasmania And whereas Her Majesty Queen Victoria did by certain other letters patent under the Great Seal of the said United Kingdom bearing date the twenty-fifth day of June one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven in which it was recited that it had been found expedient that the extent of the said Diocese of Australia should be still further reduced and that the same should be divided into four several and distinct Dioceses to be styled "The Bishoprick of Sydney" "The Bishoprick of Newcastle" "The Bishoprick of Adelaide" and "The Bishoprick of Melbourne" revoke and determine the said letters patent made and passed in the sixth year of the reign of His said late Majesty King William the Fourth to all intents and purposes save and except as to all acts matters or things which might have been done under the authority of the same and Her said Majesty did by the said letters patent erect found ordain and constitute all those parts or portions of the Colony of New South Wales known or called by the names of the counties of Wellington Roxburgh Cook Cumberland Camden Westmoreland Georgiana Bathurst King Murray Argyle and Auckland with the territory to the west bounded by the parallel of latitude thirty-two degrees thirty minutes and the one hundred and forty-first degree of east longitude together with all those parts of the continent of Australia not comprised within the limits of any other See or Diocese to be a Bishop's See and Diocese and to be called from henceforth the Bishoprick of Sydney And whereas Her said Majesty did by certain other letters patent under the Great Seal of the said United Kingdom bearing date the said twenty-fifth day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven erect found ordain and constitute all those parts or portions of the said Colony of New South Wales known or called by the names of the counties of Northumberland Hunter Durham Brisbane Phillip Bligh Gloucester Macquarie Stanley with the territory to the north and west bounded by the twenty-first parallel of latitude and the one hundred and forty-first degree of east longitude to be a Bishop's See and Diocese and to be called from henceforth "The Bishoprick of Newcastle" And whereas before the division of the said Diocese of Australia various lands situated within the respective Dioceses of Sydney and Newcastle as so constituted were devised granted conveyed or otherwise assured to the said Bishop of Australia either solely or jointly with other persons for religious and educational and other purposes within the said Diocese And whereas doubts exist as to the vesting of said lands And whereas it is expedient to remove such doubts and to vest the said lands in the Bishop of the Diocese in which the same are situated Be it therefore

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enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows—

Lands situate within the Diocese of Sydney formerly vested in the Bishop of Australia to be vested in the Bishop of Sydney.

1. All lands tenements and hereditaments situate within the limits of the Bishoprick of Sydney which on the twenty-fifth day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven were vested in the Bishop of Australia shall be and be deemed and taken to have been from that date vested in the Bishop of Sydney and his successors by whatever name he shall be called or known either solely or jointly with the other persons associated with the said Bishop of Australia as the case may be and shall be held by such Bishop and his successors either solely or jointly with such other persons upon and for the like trusts and purposes as the same were held by the said Bishop of Australia. And all lands tenements and hereditaments situate within the limits of the Bishoprick of Newcastle which on the said twenty-fifth day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven were vested in the said Bishop of Australia shall be and be deemed to have been from that date vested in the Bishop of Newcastle and his successors by whatever name he shall be called or known either solely or jointly with the other persons associated with the said Bishop of Australia as the case may be and shall be held by such Bishop and his successors either solely or jointly with such other persons upon and for the like trusts and purposes as the same were held by the said Bishop of Australia.

The words "the Bishop of Australia" to mean the Bishop of the respective Dioceses.

2. And whereas doubts may arise respecting the powers rights and privileges of the said Bishops respectively under Acts of Council or Statutes in force in this Colony in which the Bishop of Australia is particularly mentioned Be it therefore enacted that in all Acts or Statutes now in force in this Colony the Bishop of Australia shall be taken to mean the Bishop of either Diocese as the case may require and the Bishop of Sydney and the Bishop of Newcastle respectively shall have the same powers rights and privileges within their respective Dioceses as if such Bishops were expressly mentioned in such Acts.