

No. XXV.

MARRIED WOMEN'S
REVERSIONARY
INTERESTS.**An Act to enable Married Women to dispose of Reversionary Interests in Personal Estate. [10th March, 1876.]**

BE it 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:—

Married women may dispose of reversionary interest in personal estate.

1. It shall be lawful for every married woman by deed to dispose of every future or reversionary interest whether vested or contingent of such married woman or her husband in her right in any personal estate whatsoever to which she shall be entitled under any instrument (except such a settlement as hereinafter mentioned) and also to release or extinguish any power which may be vested in or limited or reserved to her in regard to any such personal estate as fully and effectually as she could if she were a *femme sole* and also to release her right or equity to a settlement out of any personal estate to which she or her husband in her right may be entitled in possession under any such instrument as aforesaid save and except that no such disposition release or extinguishment shall be valid unless the husband concur in the deed by which the same shall be effected nor unless the deed be acknowledged by her as hereinafter directed Provided always that nothing herein contained shall extend to any reversionary interest to which she shall become entitled by virtue of any deed will or instrument by which she shall be restrained from alienating or affecting the same.

How deeds to be acknowledged.

2. Every deed to be executed by a married woman for any of the purposes of this Act shall be acknowledged by her and be otherwise perfected in the manner in and by the Act seven Victoria number sixteen prescribed for the acknowledgment and perfecting of deeds disposing of interests of married women in land.

Powers given not to interfere with other powers.

3. Provided always that the powers of disposition given to a married woman by this Act shall not interfere with any power which independently of this Act may be vested in or limited or reserved to her so as to prevent her from exercising such power in any case except so far as by any disposition made by her under this Act she may be prevented from so doing in consequence of such power having been suspended or extinguished by such disposition.

Marriage settlement not to be interfered with.

4. Provided always that the powers of disposition hereby given to a married woman shall not enable her to dispose of any interest in personal estate settled upon her by any settlement or agreement for a settlement made on the occasion of her marriage.