

No. XXX.

An Act to amend the "Betting-houses Suppression Act of 1876." [28th May, 1880.]

BETTING-HOUSES
SUPPRESSION ACT
AMENDMENT.

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:—

1. This Act may be cited as the "Betting-houses Suppression Short title &c. of Act. Act Amendment Act of 1879" and shall be read with and form part of the Act thirty-ninth Victoria number twenty-eight hereinafter termed the Principal Act.

2. The words "valuable thing" in the Principal Act shall Meaning of words "valuable thing." include any promise verbal or in writing conditional or absolute to pay or give any valuable thing.

3. If any Superintendent or Inspector of Police shall report in 16 and 17 Vic. c. 119 s. 12. writing to the Inspector General of Police that there are good grounds for believing and that he does believe that any house office room or place is kept or used as a betting-house or office contrary to this or the Principal Act it shall be lawful for the said Inspector General by order in writing to authorize such Superintendent or Inspector to enter any such house office room or place with such constables as shall be directed by the Inspector General of Police to accompany him and if necessary to use force for the purpose of effecting such entry whether by breaking open doors or otherwise and to take into custody all persons who shall be found therein and to seize all lists cards or other documents relating to racing or betting found in such house or premises.

4. In case any person who shall have laid any complaint or 16 and 17 Vic. c. 119 s. 10. information in respect of any offence against this Act shall not appear at the time at which the defendant may have been summoned to appear or at any time to which the hearing of the summons may have been adjourned or in the opinion of any Justices having authority to adjudicate with respect to the offence charged in such information or complaint as aforesaid shall otherwise have neglected to proceed upon or prosecute such information or complaint with due diligence it shall be lawful for such Justices to authorize any other person to proceed on such summons instead of the person to whom the same may have been granted or if such Justices think fit to dismiss the summons already granted and authorize any person to take out a fresh summons in respect of the offence charged in such information or complaint in like manner as if the previous summons had not been granted.

Inspector General of Police may authorize Superintendent of Police to enter and search suspected houses.

On neglect to prosecute any summons Justices may authorize some other person to proceed.