

No. III.**An Act to amend the Hospital Acts and to enable Trustees thereof to invest the funds of such Hospitals. [4th October, 1881.]****HOSPITALS ACTS
AMENDMENT.**

WHEREAS there are established and maintained in the Colony Preamble. of New South Wales various Hospitals supported by voluntary contributions and by assistance from the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony. And whereas it is desirable that the Trustees of such Hospitals should have power to receive from the respective treasurers thereof such funds as the committees of such Hospital may from time to time decide shall be handed over to the Trustees thereof for the purpose of being invested by them and also to enable the treasurer thereof to sue for and recover fees from patients for the benefit of such Hospitals. Be it therefore 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. It shall be lawful for the Trustees of all Hospitals in the said Colony to which the Acts eleventh Victoria number fifty-nine and thirteenth Victoria number twenty now apply or to which they may hereafter be declared to apply to invest any funds of the said Hospitals which the committee of such Hospitals shall from time to time direct the treasurer thereof to hand over to such Trustees from the funds of any such Hospital in the hands of the treasurer or otherwise and also any moneys given or bequeathed to or arising from any donation of real or personal property to such Hospital at the discretion of such Trustees in any Government funds or debentures of any Australian Colony or in any debentures or debenture stock of any Municipal Corporation in the said Colonies or of any Bank or incorporated Company carrying on business therein or by way of purchase of or on first mortgage upon any freehold estate within the Colony of New South Wales or in Bank deposit receipts for fixed periods or otherwise with power from time to time and at any time to pay and transfer any such investment for or unto any other investment authorized by this Act. Provided always that it shall be lawful for the said committee with the consent of the said Trustees in their absolute discretion at any time to resort to any such investments and to sell the same for the purpose of applying the moneys to arise from any such sale for the purpose of their respective institutions.

2. It shall be lawful for the treasurer of any of the said Hospitals to institute and prosecute in his own name for and on behalf of the committee of such Hospital and by their direction proceedings against any person who may have received medical or surgical treatment in such Hospital or against the executors or administrators or the curator of the estate of any such person for the recovery of fees and remuneration for such care and attention and such proceedings may be taken either in the District Court or Court of Petty Sessions of the district in which the Hospital is situated or of the district in which the person resides.