

No. XXVI.

JUDICIAL OFFICES. An Act to amend the Law relating to certain Judicial Offices and to certain Courts and the administration of Justice therein. [31st March, 1892.]

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:—

Short title.

Amount and appropriation of salaries to President and members of the Land Court.

Special Commission to District Court Judges and others to act as Judges of the Supreme Court in certain cases and under certain conditions.

As to the Judge in Bankruptcy, and Primary Judge in Equity.

1. This Act may be cited as the "Judicial Offices Act of 1892."

2. There shall be paid to the President of the Land Court [which Court shall on and after the passing of this Act be and is herein-after designated the "Land Appeal Court"] constituted pursuant to the "Crown Lands Act of 1889," the annual salary of two thousand pounds; and to each of the other Members of that Court [to be designated on and after the passing of this Act "Commissioners of the Land Appeal Court"] the annual salary of one thousand pounds. And such salaries are hereby charged on the Consolidated Revenue Fund, which, to the extent required for the payment thereof, is hereby permanently appropriated.

3. The twenty-sixth section of the "District Courts Act of 1858" is hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof the following enactment shall take effect:—"It shall be lawful for the Governor, with the advice aforesaid, from time to time as occasion may require, to issue a special Commission to any Judge of the District Court, or to any barrister or solicitor of not less than seven years standing, appointing him to act as a Judge of the Supreme Court for the trial of issues, civil or criminal, at any Circuit Court or Court of Gaol Delivery, or at any place or places at which a Judge of the Supreme Court could not attend without detriment to the ordinary business of such Court, or to sit or act as a Judge of the Supreme Court at Sydney in any one or more jurisdictions of the said Court to be specified in such Commission, and for a time, not exceeding in any case six months, to be specified in like manner. And thereupon the person so appointed shall, at the place and for the time, and subject to the conditions or limitations specified in such Commission, have all the power, privileges, authorities, and immunities, and fulfil all the duties of a Judge of the Supreme Court."

4. The Judge in Bankruptcy shall have the like powers and jurisdiction as are now vested in the Primary Judge in Equity; and, when acting in that behalf, shall be styled "Judge in Equity," and the Judge hitherto styled "Primary Judge in Equity" shall be styled "Chief Judge in Equity."