

Act No. 25, 1899.

BOOK PURCHASERS
PROTECTION.

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An Act to consolidate the enactments relating
to the protection of the purchasers of certain
books. [23rd November, 1899.]

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.

1. This Act may be cited as the "Book Purchasers' Protection Act, 1899."

Repeal.

2. The Book Purchasers' Protection Act of 1890 is hereby repealed.

Interpretation.

54 Vic. No. 12, s. 1.

3. In this Act the word "book" means any book, engravings, lithographs, pictures, or any other like matter whether illustrated or not.

Application of Act.
Ibid.

4. This Act shall apply to every contract for the sale of any book or books where such book or books, or any one or more volumes or numbers thereof, are not to be delivered to the purchaser in a completed form at the date of such contract.

Certain contracts
void.*Ibid.*

5. Every such contract shall be absolutely void unless—

(a) the purchaser has signed an agreement on a form on which there has been printed in red capital letters of size not less than great primer, the words, "the total liability of the purchaser under this agreement is," followed by the amount of such liability printed in red in words and figures of the like size, and having the letters of such words printed in capitals; and

(b) unless such form has been printed or written in black letters across and subsequent to the printing of such red letters and figures.

Vendor to give
duplicate.
Ibid. s. 2.

6. The vendor of any books under any such contract, or his agent, shall, at the time of the signing of such contract, hand over to the purchaser a duplicate of the agreement having printed on it the words "duplicate to be kept by the purchaser," and the vendor shall not be entitled to recover under such contract unless he produces an acknowledgment by the purchaser of the receipt of such duplicate.

Proof of value.
Ibid. s. 3.

7. In any action in any court on any such contract the court may determine the value of the books purchased, and the onus of proof of such value shall be on the vendor.