

No. XXXIII.INSOLVENCY.**An Act to amend the Insolvent Law of New South Wales. [30th November, 1855.]**

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient to facilitate inquiries touching offences indictable under the provisions of the Laws now in force in the Colony of New South Wales relating to Insolvent Debtors Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof as follows :—

Chief Commissioner authorized to inquire into any offences under the Insolvent Laws.

1. From and after the passing of this Act the Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates in Sydney shall have and is hereby invested by virtue of his office with all the powers authorities and privileges conferred on any Justice of the Peace for the purpose of inquiring into all charges of fraudulent Insolvency and other offences of a like character alleged to have been committed by any Insolvent Debtor and indictable under the provisions of any Act of the Governor and Legislative Council in force in the said Colony for the time being and for the purpose of committing any such Insolvent Debtor for trial for any such offences and of requiring the attendance of witnesses as well on any such inquiry as on the trial of such Insolvent Debtor for any such offences as aforesaid.

The liability of the Insolvent to answer questions unaltered.

2. Nothing in this Act shall alter the liability of the Insolvent or any other person to answer all questions which may be lawfully put under the provisions of the Insolvent Acts in force for the time being.

Limitation as to the effect of his evidence.

3. Provided however that no examination or answer of the person charged with any indictable offence under the provisions of the Insolvent Acts in force for the time being shall be admissible in evidence against him on the trial of any indictment other than on a prosecution against him for perjury.

