

## No. IX.

INNKEEPERS  
LIABILITY.An Act to amend the Law respecting the  
Liability of Innkeepers and to prevent  
certain Frauds on them. [2nd August,  
1875.]

## Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient to assimilate the law of this Colony to that enacted by the Imperial Statute twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh Victoria chapter forty-one concerning the liability of Innkeepers 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:—

No innkeeper liable for loss exceeding twenty pounds.

1. No innkeeper shall after the passing of this Act be liable to make good to any guest or lodger of such innkeeper any loss of or injury to goods or property brought to his inn not being a horse or other live animal or any gear appertaining thereto or any carriage to a greater amount than the sum of twenty pounds except in the following cases (that is to say)—

## Exceptions.

1st. Where such goods or property shall have been stolen lost or injured through the act default or neglect of such innkeeper or any servant in his employ.

2nd. When such goods or property shall have been deposited expressly for safe custody with such innkeeper.

Goods to be deposited in sealed box if required.

Provided always that in the case of such deposit it shall be lawful for such innkeeper if he think fit to require as a condition to his liability that such goods or property shall be deposited in a box or other receptacle fastened and sealed by the person depositing the same.

Obligation to receive property for safe custody.

2. If any innkeeper shall refuse to receive for safe custody as before mentioned any goods or property of his guest or lodger or if any such guest or lodger shall through any default of such innkeeper be unable to deposit such goods or property as aforesaid such innkeeper shall not be entitled to the benefit of this Act in respect of such goods or property.

Notice of section 1 to be exhibited.

3. Every innkeeper shall cause at least one copy of the first section of this Act printed in plain type to be exhibited in a conspicuous part of the hall or entrance to his inn and also in each bedroom therein and he shall be entitled to the benefit of this Act in respect of such goods or property only as shall be brought to his inn while such copy is so exhibited.

Interpretation.

4. The following words shall in this Act be interpreted as follows (that is to say) The word "inn" shall mean any hotel inn tavern public-house or other place of refreshment the keeper of which is now by law responsible for the goods and property of his guest or lodger And the word "innkeeper" shall mean the keeper of any such place.