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No. 135.

An Act to provide for the Registration in the Northern Territory of certain Chattel Securities.

[Assented to, 27th August, 1879.]

WHEREAS the distance between the Northern Territory and the registration office in Adelaide renders it impossible to register chattel securities executed in the Territory within the time required by law, and it is expedient to obviate the inconvenience thus occasioned—Be it therefore Enacted by the Governor of the Province of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of the said province in this present Parliament assembled, as follows :

Preamble.

1. This Act may be cited as “Northern Territory Registration Act.”

Short title.

2. This Act shall be incorporated with Act No. 8 of 1841, intitled “An Act to provide for the registration of deeds, wills, judgments, conveyances, and other instruments.”

Incorporation.

3. In the construction of this Act, the following words shall have the following meanings, that is to say—

Interpretation.

“Chattel securities” shall mean all warrants of attorney, cognovits, assignments, bills of sale, mortgages of sheep, cattle, or horses, and preferable liens on wool which, after this Act shall come into operation, shall be given or executed by any party thereto in the Northern Territory :

“Registration

Northern Territory Registration Act.—1879.

“Registration Act” shall mean the Act referred to in section 2:

“Registration office” shall mean the registration office established by the registration Act:

“Branch office” shall mean the branch registration office established by this Act.

Branch office,
Palmerston.

4. It shall be lawful for the Governor, by Proclamation in the *Government Gazette*, to establish at Palmerston, and other places in the Northern Territory, a public office or offices for the registration of chattel securities, and such office or offices shall be deemed to be a branch or branches of the registration office.

Deputy-Registrar to
preside.

5. The branch office or offices shall be presided over by a Deputy-Registrar to be appointed by the Governor, and such Deputy-Registrar shall in the branch office exercise and execute in relation to chattel securities the like powers and duties as are exercised and executed by the Registrar-General in the Registration Office.

Oath of office.

6. The oath of office provided for by Section II. of the Registration Act may be taken by any Deputy-Registrar appointed for the purposes of this Act before the Government-Resident in the Northern Territory or any stipendiary magistrate who is hereby empowered and required to administer the same.

Chattel securities may
be registered in branch
office.

7. All chattel securities may be registered in the branch office or offices, and the Deputy-Registrar may alter any prescribed form so as to meet the circumstances of the case, and when so registered within the time provided by law, every chattel security shall be deemed to be duly registered for all the purposes of any Acts providing for or relating to the registration thereof, or which would otherwise affect the same; and all the provisions of all such Acts, so far as the same can relate to chattel securities, shall apply to the branch office.

Memorials to be in
duplicate and one part
to be forwarded to the
registration office.

8. The memorial of every instrument presented at the branch office or offices for registration shall be in duplicate, and the Deputy-Registrar at the end of every calendar month shall forward to the Registrar-General at the registration office one part of such memorial marked with a memorandum of the time and number of the registration thereof in the branch office or offices, and the same shall be filed, indexed, preserved, and kept open for inspection with the memorials of similar instruments registered in the registration office, or in a separate book, but in a similar manner, whichever may be deemed most convenient by the Registrar-General.

In the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, I hereby assent to this Bill.

WM. F. DRUMMOND JERVOIS, Governor.