



Colonial Affidavits Act 1859

1859 CHAPTER 12

An Act to repeal, as regards the Colony of *Victoria*, and to enable other Colonial Legislatures to repeal, certain Provisions of the Imperial Acts of the Fifty-fourth Year of *George* the Third, Chapter Fifteen, and of the Fifth and Sixth Years of *William* the Fourth, Chapter Sixty-two. [8th August 1859]

WHEREAS by the First, Second, and Third Sections of an Act passed in the Fifty-fourth Year of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for the more easy Recovery of Debts in Her Majesty's Colonies of New South Wales*, Provision was made for the Proof, by Affidavit, Affirmation, or otherwise, of certain Matters requiring to be proved before any Courts of Law or Equity in New South Wales or its Dependencies, and for the Punishment of Persons guilty of making such Affidavits or Affirmations falsely : And whereas by the Fifteenth and Seventeenth Sections of an Act passed in the Session of Parliament held in the Fifth and Sixth Years of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth, intituled *An Act to repeal an Act of the present Session of Parliament, intituled " An Act for the effectual Abolition " of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in various Departments " of the State, and to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof*, and for the more entire Suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits, and to make other Provisions for the Abolition of Unnecessary Oaths, Provision was made for the Proof by solemn Declaration or otherwise of certain Matters or Things requiring to be proved before any Court of Law or Equity in Her Majesty's Possessions abroad: And whereas it is expedient that the Provisions above recited should be repealed as regards the Colony of *Victoria*, and that as well the said Provisions as the Fourth Section of the said first-recited Act of Parliament should be alterable or repealable as regards any of Her Majesty's Possessions abroad by the Legislature or other Legislative Authority of such Possession:

Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, as follows :