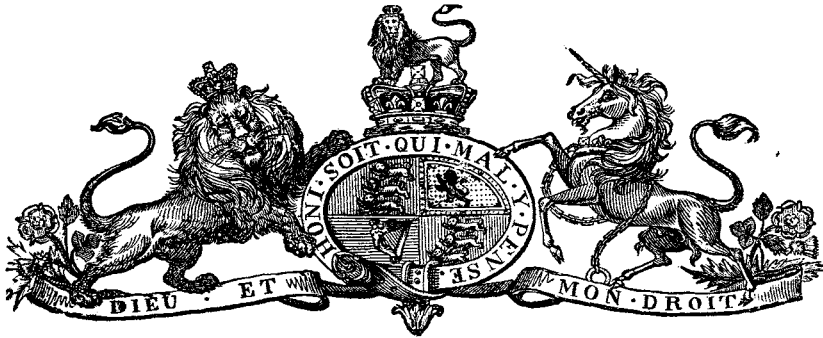


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AN ACT to enable Married Women to dispose
of Reversionary Interests in Personal Estate.
[25 February, 1858.]

BE it enacted by His Excellency the Governor of *Tasmania*, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled, as follows :—

1 After the 1st day of *March*, 1858, it shall be lawful for every Married Woman, by Deed, to dispose of every future or reversionary Interest, whether vested or contingent, of such Married Woman, or her husband in her right, in any personal Estate whatsoever to which she shall be entitled under any Instrument made after the said 1st day of *March*, 1858, (except such a Settlement as after mentioned), and also to release or extinguish any power which may be vested in or limited or reserved to her in regard to any such personal Estate as fully and effectually as if she were a *feme sole*, and also to claim or to release and extinguish her right or equity to a Settlement out of any personal Estate to which she or her husband in her right may be entitled in possession under any such Instrument as aforesaid; save and except that no such

Married Women may dispose of reversionary Interests in personal Estate, and release powers over such Estate, and also their rights to a settlement out of such Estate in possession.

disposition, release, or extinguishment shall be valid unless the husband concur in the Deed by which the same shall be effected, nor unless the Deed be acknowledged by her as hereinafter directed: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall extend to any reversionary Interest to which she shall become entitled by virtue of any Deed, Will, or Instrument by which she shall be restrained from alienating or affecting the same.

Deeds to be acknowledged.

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2 Every Deed to be executed by a Married Woman for any of the purposes of this Act shall be acknowledged by her, and be otherwise perfected in the manner in and by the Act in Council of this Colony, intituled, *An Act to render Conveyances by Married Women effectual without Fine or Recovery*, and the Act in Council of this Colony, intituled *An Act to amend An Act to render Conveyances by Married Women effectual without Fine or Recovery*, prescribed for the acknowledgment and perfecting of Deeds disposing of Interests of Married Women in Land; and all and singular the clauses and provisions in the said Acts concerning the disposition of Lands by Married Women shall extend and be applicable to such Interests in personal Estate, and to such powers as may be disposed of, released, or extinguished by virtue of this Act, as fully and effectually as if such Interests or Powers were Interests in or Powers over Land.

Powers of disposition given by the Act not to interfere with any other powers.

3 Provided always, that the powers of disposition given to a Married Woman by this Act shall not interfere with any power which, independently of this Act, may be vested in or limited or reserved to her, so as to prevent her from exercising such power in any case, except so far as by any disposition made by her under this Act she may be prevented from so doing in consequence of such power having been suspended or extinguished by such disposition.

Act not to extend to Settlements of Married Women on Marriage.

4 Provided always, that the powers of disposition hereby given to a Married Woman shall not enable her to dispose of any Interest in any personal Estate settled upon her by any Settlement or agreement for a Settlement made on the occasion of her Marriage.