



ANNO DECIMO-SEPTIMO

VICTORIÆ REGINÆ,

No. 19.

*By His Excellency SIR WILLIAM THOMAS DENISON, Knight,
Lieutenant-Governor of the Island of Van Diemen's Land
and its Dependencies, with the Advice and Consent of the
Legislative Council.*

AN ACT to render Attornies' Bills of Costs for Conveyancing Business liable to Taxation; and for other Purposes connected therewith. [6th October, 1853.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to render Bills of Costs of Attornies and Solicitors for the Preparation of Deeds and other legal Documents, and for Conveyancing Business generally, subject and liable to Taxation, in the same Manner as their Bills of Costs at Law and in Equity are subject and liable to Taxation; and it is also expedient that the Remuneration to Attornies and Solicitors for the Preparation of Deeds and other legal Documents should no longer be estimated according to the Length of such Deeds or other Documents, but according to the Skill and Labour employed and the Responsibility incurred in the Preparation thereof; Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency SIR WILLIAM THOMAS DENISON, Knight, Lieutenant-Governor of the Island of Van Diemen's Land and its Dependencies, with the Advice and Consent of the Legislative Council thereof, that the Law and Practice now in force in this Colony relating to the Delivery by Attornies or Solicitors of Bills of Fees, Charges or Disbursements at Law or in Equity, and to the Taxation of such Bills, shall, so far as the same can be applied, extend and apply to Bills of Fees, Charges or Disbursements for and in relation to the Preparation and Execution of Deeds, Agreements, and all legal Documents whatever, and generally for and in relation to all Conveyancing Transactions and

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The Law and Practice now in force relating to Bills of Costs at Law or in Equity to extend to Bills of Costs for Conveyancing, &c.

Business whatsoever; and in taxing any Bill for preparing any Deed, Agreement, or other legal Document, it shall be lawful for the Taxing Officer and he is hereby required, in estimating the proper Sum to be charged for such Transaction, to consider, not the Length of such Deed, Agreement, or other Document, but only the Skill and Labour employed, and the Responsibility incurred in the Preparation thereof, and in the Investigation, where such shall have taken place, of the Title to the Property conveyed or affected by any such Deed or Document.

Remuneration for Deeds, &c. not to be by Length, but according to Skill, Labour, and Responsibility.

RICHARD DRY, *Speaker.*

Passed the Legislative Council this fourth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three.

FR. HARTWELL HENSLOWE,
Clerk of the Council.

In the name and on the behalf of Her Majesty I assent to this Act.

W. DENISON,
Lieut.-Governor.

*Government House, Hobart Town,
6th October, 1853.*