

No. XXXVIII.

An Act to facilitate the proof of Letters Patent or Deeds of Grant from the Crown. [2nd October, 1847.]

PROOF OF CROWN
GRANTS.

WHEREAS it is expedient to facilitate the proof in all Courts of Law and Equity and in all other Courts in the Colony of New Wales of the contents of Letters Patent and Deeds of Grant from the Crown by which land in the said Colony hath been or shall after the passing of this Act be granted to any person or persons whomsoever for any estate or interest Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof That every entry or copy now kept or hereafter to be kept as of record or for public or official purposes in the office of the Colonial Secretary or of the Registrar General of the said Colony or of the Deputy Registrar of the Supreme Court at Port Phillip purporting to be an entry or copy of any Letters Patent or Deed

Official record of
Deeds of Grant to be
received in evidence

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and also duly certified copies of such record.

Deed of Grant from the Crown of any land situated in the said Colony to any person or persons whomsoever shall in case the Letters Patent or Deed of Grant of which the same purports to be an entry or copy shall not be produced in evidence be deemed and taken to be of the same force and effect as the original Letters Patent or Deed of Grant under the seal of the said Colony duly recorded and signed by the Governor of the said Colony for the time being and a copy of any such entry or copy kept or hereafter to be kept as of record as aforesaid of any such Letters Patent or Deed of Grant certified to be a true copy under the hand of the said Colonial Secretary or the Registrar General or Deputy Registrar for the time being shall upon proof made that such certificate has been signed by the said Colonial Secretary or Registrar General or Deputy Registrar for the time being (and whom it shall not be necessary to prove to be such Colonial Secretary or Registrar General or Deputy Registrar) shall have the same force and effect for the purposes of evidence to all intents and purposes whatsoever as if the original Letters Patent or Deeds of Grant of which the copy so produced and certified shall purport to be a copy of the entry or copy as aforesaid had been produced in evidence.

Fees.

2. And be it enacted That for every such copy a fee at the rate of one shilling and three-pence for every folio of seventy-two words shall be charged previously to the delivery of the same and the amount thereof shall be duly paid by the officer receiving the same into the Colonial Treasury for the public uses of the said Colony and in support of the Government thereof.
