

No. XXVII.

PATENTS LAW
AMENDMENT.An Act to amend the law relating to Patents
for Inventions and Improvements in Arts
or Manufactures. [19th June, 1879.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS by an Act of the Governor and Legislative Council passed in the sixteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign and intituled "*An Act to authorize the Governor General with the advice of the Executive Council to grant letters of registration for all inventions and improvements in the Arts or Manufactures to have the same effect as Letters Patent in England so far as regards this Colony*" provision was made for the granting of letters of registration for the exclusive enjoyment and advantage for a period of not less than seven nor more than fourteen years for all inventions or improvements in the arts or manufactures to the authors or designers thereof their agents or assignees subject to the conditions and provisions contained in the said Act And whereas it is desirable in view of the forthcoming International Exhibition to be held in Sydney during the years one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine and one thousand eight hundred and eighty to provide that the authors or designers of all such inventions and improvements as might be protected by letters patent under the said Act shall not be deprived of or prejudiced in the assertion of their patent rights in respect of such inventions and improvements by reason of such inventions or improvements being exhibited or used at or for the purpose of such International or other Exhibition Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows:—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the "Patents Law Amendment Act."

Interpretation of
terms.

2. In the construction and for the purposes of this Act the expression "Patents Act" means the Act sixteenth Victoria number twenty-four and the word "Exhibition" includes the International Exhibition appointed to be held in Sydney during the present or next year as well as any exhibition to be held in this or any other year by the Agricultural Society of this Colony and any exhibition of works of scientific invention or of the fine arts or of industrial art which the Governor with the advice of the Executive Council may by notification in the *Gazette* declare to be an exhibition within the meaning and for the purposes of this Act And the word "Invention" means any invention or improvement in the arts or manufactures such as might be patented under the "Patents Act."

Exhibition of new
inventions not to
prejudice patent
rights.33 & 34 Vic. cap. 27
s. 2.

3. The exhibition of any new invention at any exhibition shall not nor shall the publication during the holding of such exhibition of any description of such invention nor shall the user of such invention for the purposes of such exhibition and within the building or place where the same may be held nor shall the user of such invention elsewhere by any person without the privity and consent of the author or designer thereof prejudice the right of the exhibitor thereof if he be the author or designer thereof to apply for letters of registration for such invention under the Patents Act nor shall the exhibition of such invention invalidate any letters of registration which may be granted under the Patents Act in respect of such invention.