[CONFIDENTIAL.] (Rough Draft for Consideration Only.)

No. , 1918.

A BILL

To declare that certain lands purchased by the Crown were vested in the Crown; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

WHEREAS by Crown grant dated the thirtieth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, allotment number twelve of section seventeen of the town of Parkes as originally surveyed was sold and granted to one Patrick Maloney, then of Parkes, now deceased, such Crown grant being registered in the office of the Registrar-General, volume number two 221-(2) hundred

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hundred and forty seven, folio number fifty-one: And whereas by Crown grant dated the tenth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, allotment number thirteen of the said section and town as originally surveyed was sold and granted to one Francis James Connelly, then of Forbes, now deceased, such Crown grant being registered in the office of the Registrar-General, volume number three hundred and seventyseven, folio number sixty-eight: And whereas the lands comprised in such Crown grants were purchased by the Crown in or about the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, but such Crown grants are still registered in the office of the Registrar-General in the name of the said Patrick Maloney and Francis James Connelly respectively, and the Crown grants cannot be located, and there is no trace of any Memorandum of Transfer or Surrender thereof to the Crown: And whereas it is desirable to declare that such lands were on such purchase vested in the Crown: Be it therefore enacted by the King'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 :--

1. This Act may be cited as the "Crown Purchases Vesting Act, 1918."

2. The lands comprised in the said grants shall on the respective dates of their purchase by the Crown as aforesaid be deemed to have been vested in and the property of the Crown, and to have been Crown lands within the meaning of any Act dealing with Crown lands; and all dealings by the Crown in respect of such lands after such purchase shall be deemed to have been valid.

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