

ANNO VICESIMO QUARTO
VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

SESSION III. No. I.

AN ACT to enable the Committees of both Houses of the General Assembly to administer Oaths to Witnesses in certain cases. [17th August, 1860.]

PRIVATE BILLS
EVIDENCE.

WHEREAS it is expedient that Committees of the Legislative Council and House of Representatives to whom Private Bills may be referred should be enabled to administer oaths to witnesses examined before them :

Preamble.

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :—

1. The Short Title of this Act shall be "*The Private Bills Evidence Act, 1860.*"

Short Title.

2. Any Select Committee of the Legislative Council or of the House of Representatives, or a Joint Committee of the Legislative Council and House of Representatives, to which any Private Bill may be referred by the Legislative Council or House of Representatives respectively, may examine witnesses upon oath upon matters relating to such Bill, and for that purpose may administer an oath to any such witness.

Select Committees of Houses may examine witnesses on oath and administer the same.

3. Any person examined as aforesaid who shall wilfully give false evidence shall be liable to the penalties of perjury.

False evidence perjury.

No. II.

AN ACT to render the Property in New Zealand of Debtors absent from the Colony available for the Payment of their Debts. [24th September, 1860.]

ABSENT DEBTORS.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :—

1. The Short Title of this Act shall be "*The Absent Debtors' Act, 1860.*"

Short Title.

2. The Act of the General Assembly of New Zealand, intituled "*The Absent Debtors' Act, 1858,*" is hereby repealed.

"Absent Debtors' Act, 1858," repealed.

3. This Act shall be deemed and taken to have been in force from the

Saving clause.