

*Intermediate Districts Merger.***No. IV.****INTERMEDIATE  
DISTRICTS MERGER.****An Act to include the Intermediate within the Settled Districts. [22nd December, 1859.]****Preamble.**

**W**HHEREAS it is expedient to extend the limits of the Districts designated by the Order of Her Majesty in Council made on the ninth day of March one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven as the Settled Districts of the Colony 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 :—

**Extension of Settled Districts.**

1. The said Settled Districts shall after the passing of this Act be held to extend to and include all the lands now designated by the said Order or any Proclamation in pursuance thereof as the Intermediate Districts.

**Lease for one year granted on expiration of existing lease.**

2. Every person now holding Crown lands within the said Intermediate Districts under any lease from the Crown which may expire before or during the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty shall be entitled on the expiration of the term of such lease to a lease for twelve months of such lands on the same terms and conditions all rents and assessments inclusive on which they are now held but there shall not be conceded by such lease any right of renewal or pre-emption Provided that until other Legislative provision be made in this behalf every such lessee shall be entitled from year to year to a renewed lease on the like terms and conditions as aforesaid Provided further that nothing herein contained shall be held to interfere with any pre-emptive rights to purchase which have been claimed or which may be claimed by such lessees during the currency of the now existing leases Provided also that the said lands shall be liable to be thrown open for sale under any Land Sales Act that may in the meantime be passed.

**Saving of other current leases of Intermediate lands.**

3. Any other lease of Crown lands within the Intermediate Districts of the Colony granted or promised since the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two shall notwithstanding the provisions of this Act continue in full force and effect during the period for which it was so granted or promised excepting only that it shall not be liable except as hereinafter mentioned to renewal at the expiration of the same and every such lease shall be subject to the same terms as to rents and assessments on which it is now held Provided that the provision contained in the last preceding section as to the renewal from year to year of the leases therein mentioned shall also apply to the leases referred to in this section.

**Proviso.**

4. In the construction of this Act the word "lease" shall be deemed to include the promise of a lease.

**Interpretation.**