No. XX.

An Act to fix the Salary and Tenure of Office of the Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates.

[9th May, 1861.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to fix the salary and tenure of office of the Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates, 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:—

1. The Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates shall hold his office during ability and good behaviour and shall be paid an annual salary not less than the sum of one thousand pounds. But it shall be lawful for the Governor with the advice of the Executive Council to remove any such Commissioner for inability or misbehaviour. Provided that twenty-one days at the least before such removal the Commissioner shall have notice of the intention to remove him and that he shall
shall thereafter and before removal have the opportunity of being heard before the Governor and Executive Council in his defence. Provided that if the office of Chief Commissioner should be abolished by any Act of the Parliament no such Chief Commissioner shall be entitled to any compensation on account of ceasing to hold his office.

2. No person shall be appointed as such Chief Commissioner unless he shall be a Barrister-at-law of five years or an Attorney-at-law of seven years standing.

3. In case of illness or absence of the Chief Commissioner it shall be lawful for the Governor with the advice aforesaid to appoint some fit person to act as Deputy for the said Chief Commissioner with all the jurisdiction powers authorities and duties of such Chief Commissioner.

4. This Act shall be styled and may be cited as the "Insolvency Commissioner's Act of 1861."