An Act to transfer to the Bishop of Goulburn certain Lands situate within the Diocese of Goulburn and to extend the Acts in which the Bishop of Australia is mentioned to the Bishop of Goulburn. [6th December, 1866.]

WHEREAS Her Majesty Queen Victoria did by letters patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland bearing date the twenty-fifth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven and in the eleventh year of Her Majesty’s Reign erect found ordain make and constitute all those parts or portions of the Colony of New South Wales known or called by the names of the counties of Wellington Roxburgh Cook Cumberland Camden Westmoreland Bathurst King Murray Argyle Auckland with the territory to the west bounded by the parallel of south latitude thirty-two degrees thirty minutes and the one hundred and forty-first degree of east longitude together with all those parts of the continent of Australia not comprised within the limits of any other
other see or diocese to be a Bishop's see and diocese and to be called from thenceforth the Bishopric of Sydney saving nevertheless to Her Majesty Her Heirs and Successors the power of altering from time to time with the consent of the Archbishop of Canterbury for the time being if the said see be vacant or otherwise of the said Archbishop and the Bishop of the said see for the time being the limits of the said diocese or of the jurisdiction of the Bishop thereof. And whereas by certain other letters patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland bearing date at Westminster the nineteenth day of October one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four in the eighteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign Her Majesty did constitute and appoint the Right Reverend Frederic Barker Doctor in Divinity to the said see and diocese of Sydney. And whereas the said Frederic Barker being first duly consecrated became and was Lord Bishop of the said see. And whereas by reason of the great extent and of the increased population of the said see or diocese it was deemed expedient by Her said Majesty to alter the limits thereof and the jurisdiction of the Bishop thereof by separating therefrom all those parts or portions of the Colony of New South Wales which are bounded as follows that is to say—to the north by the thirty-fourth parallel of south latitude to the west by the one hundred and forty-first meridian of east longitude being the boundary of the Colony of South Australia to the south and south-west from the last-mentioned meridian to Cape Howe by the boundary of the Colony of Victoria and to the east and north-east as follows that is to say—first from Cape Howe to Point Upright by the sea then from Point Upright northwards by a line which divides the Registry Districts of Ulladulla and Shoalhaven in the county of Saint Vincent from those of Broulee and Braidwood in the same county until the said line falls on the boundary of the Registry District of Goulburn in the county of Argyle then by a line which divides the counties of Argyle and Georgiana from those of Saint Vincent Camden and Westmoreland until the said line reaches the aforesaid thirty-fourth parallel of south latitude and whereas the said Lord Archbishop of Canterbury and the said Lord Bishop of Sydney by instruments under their respective hands and seals dated respectively the fourth day of March one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three and the twenty-eighth of February one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three duly signified their consents to such alteration of the limits of the said diocese of Sydney and of the jurisdiction of the said Bishop thereof and whereas Her Majesty did by certain other letters patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland bearing date the fourteenth day of March one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three separate from the said see and diocese of Sydney all those parts of the said Colony which are contained within the boundaries lastly hereinbefore described and did erect found ordain and constitute the same to be a Bishop's see and diocese and to be called thenceforth the Bishopric of Goulburn and whereas Her Majesty did by the said last-mentioned letters patent name and appoint Mesac Thomas Doctor of Divinity to be ordained and consecrated Bishop of the said see of Goulburn and did will and grant by the said letters patent that the said Bishop of Goulburn should be a body corporate and did make ordain and constitute him to be a perpetual corporation and to have perpetual succession and that he and his successors should be for ever thereafter called or known by the name or title of the “Lord Bishop of Goulburn” and whereas certain lands which are situate within the limits of the Bishopric of Goulburn were devised granted conveyed or otherwise assured unto and are now vested in the said Bishop of Sydney either solely or jointly with other persons for religious and educational and other
other purposes and it is expedient that all such lands should be vested in the Bishop of the diocese in which the same are situated upon and for the like trusts and purposes as the same are now held by the Bishop of Sydney. 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. All lands, tenements and hereditaments situate within the limits of the Bishopric of Goulburn as described in Her Majesty's letters patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland bearing date the fourteenth day of March one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three which at the time of the passing of this Act are vested in the Bishop of Sydney shall be and be deemed and taken to have been from that date vested in the Bishop of Goulburn and his successors by whatever name he shall be called or known either solely or jointly with the other persons associated with the Bishop of Sydney as the case may be and shall be held by such Bishop and his successors either solely or jointly with such other persons upon and for the like trusts and purposes as the same are now held by the said Bishop of Sydney.

2. And whereas doubts may arise respecting the powers, rights and privileges of the said Bishop of Goulburn and his successors under the Acts of Council or Statutes in force in this Colony in which the Bishop of Australia is particularly mentioned. Be it therefore enacted that in all Acts or Statutes now in force in this Colony the Bishop of Australia shall in all matters connected with the diocese of Goulburn be taken to mean the Bishop of Goulburn who shall have the same powers, rights and privileges within his diocese as if such Bishop were expressly mentioned in such Acts.