CAP. XXXV.

An Act to amend so much of an Act of the last Session, for the Government of *New South Wales* and *Van Diemen's Land*, as relates to *Norfolk Island*.

[28th *July* 1843.]

'WHEREAS by an Act passed in the last Session of Parliament, intituled *An Act for the Government of* New South Wales *and* Van Diemen's Land, it was enacted, that it should be lawful for Her Majesty to define the Limits of the Colony of *New South Wales*, and to erect into a separate Colony any Territories comprised within the said Colony, provided that no Part of the Territories lying Southward of the Twenty-sixth Degree of South Latitude in the said Colony of *New South Wales* should be detached from the said Colony: And whereas it is expedient that *Norfolk Island* should be severed from the Government of *New South Wales*, and annexed to the Government of *Van Diemen's Land;* but inasmuch as *Norfolk Island* lies Southward of the Twenty-sixth Degree of South Latitude, it may be doubted if such Severance can be made without Authority of Parliament:' Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, to sever *Norfolk Island* from the Government of *New South Wales* and from the Diocese of *Australia*, and to annex it to the Government and Colony of *Van Diemen's Land* and to the Diocese of *Tasmania*, from and after a Day to be mentioned in such Letters Patent; and from and after such Day *Norfolk Island* shall cease to belong to the Colony of *New South Wales* and to the Diocese of *Australia*, and shall be taken to be a Part of the Colony of *Van Diemen's Land* and of the Diocese of *Tasmania*. 5 & 6 Vict. c. 76.

Norfolk Island may be annexed to Van Diemen's Land.

II. Provided always, and be it enacted, That, until annulled or altered by competent Authority, all Laws, Ordinances, and Regulations, Civil and Ecclesiastical, in force within *Norfolk Island* at the Time when such Letters Patent shall take effect shall continue in force as if *Norfolk Island* had continued a Part of the Colony of *New South Wales* and of the Diocese of *Australia*, subject only to such Changes as shall be necessarily consequent upon the Change of Government.

Continuance of Laws and Ordinances.