

Dower.

No. III.

AN ACT to amend the Law relating to Dower.

[14th September, 1854.]

DOWER.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the rights of women, married before the second day of January, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four, to dower out of the lands and tenements of which their husbands may at any time have been seized during their coverture occasions considerable expense inconvenience and delay in the alienation of real estate:

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand:—

Act 3 & 4 Wm. IV.,
c. 105, to extend to
dower of women
married before 2nd
January, 1834.

1. That the provisions of a certain Act made and passed in the third and fourth years of the reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled "*An Act for the amendment of the Law relating to Dower*," shall extend to the dower of any widows who shall have married previously to the second day of January, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four.

Short Title.

2. This Act shall be termed "*The Dower Act, 1854*," and may be cited and referred to by that title.

No. IV.

NELSON TRUST
FUNDS.

AN ACT to make further provision for the Administration of the Nelson Trust Funds.

[14th September, 1854.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS the New Zealand Company did from time to time issue certain published terms for the disposal of land within the Settlement of Nelson, by which it was among other things provided that the land of the said settlement should be sold for certain prices, and that the fund to be derived from such sale shall be appropriated in certain proportions to the purposes of emigration and the supply of labour, of founding and maintaining the settlement of religious and educational uses, and steam navigation, and of other public objects: And whereas many persons purchased lands under the said terms in the said settlement, and funds have accumulated from the moneys invested in such purchases which have not as yet been applied to the purposes aforesaid: And whereas the New Zealand Company, by its agents and officers, superintended and managed the said funds until the fourth day of July, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty: And whereas the lands of the said Company in New Zealand reverted to the Crown, under the provisions contained in an Act of Parliament made and passed in the tenth and eleventh years of the reign of Her present Majesty, upon the condition amongst others, as expressed in the said Act, of satisfying any liabilities to which the said Company might then be liable under their existing engagements with reference to the Settlement of Nelson: And whereas, previous to the said fourth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and fifty, a certain sum of twenty-five thousand pounds had been invested in the names of Henry Aglionby Aglionby, Alexander Currie,