This Public Bill originated in the House of Representatives, and, having this day passed as now printed, is transmitted to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

House of Representatives, 11th July, 1895.

[As amended by the Legislative Council.]

Mr. G. J. Smith.

PROPERTY LAW CONSOLIDATION ACT 1883 AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

An Act to amend "The Property Law Consolidation Act, 1883," Title. in relation to the Release of Mortgages.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in 5 Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Property Law Consoli- Short Title. dation Act 1883 Amendment Act, 1895."

2. In case any mortgagee shall be absent from the colony, and When mortgagee 10 there be no person in the colony authorised within the knowledge of absent from colony there is no person in the colony authorised within the knowledge of Colonial Treasurer the mortgagor to give a receipt for the mortgage-money at or after may receive the date appointed for the redemption of any mortgage, the Colonial mortgage-money. Treasurer may receive such mortgage-money, with all arrears of interest then due thereon, in trust for the mortgagee or other 15 person entitled thereto, and thereupon the interest upon such mortgage shall cease to run or accrue.

3. The receipt of the Colonial Treasurer for the amount of the Receipt of Colonial said mortgage-money and interest shall, on and from the date of such mortgage. receipt and without any re-conveyance, release the mortgage, further 20 charge, or debt, and vest the estate and interest of the mortgagee, of

and in the property in respect of which the mortgage-money has been so paid to the Colonial Treasurer as aforesaid, in the person for the time being entitled to the equity of redemption, subject nevertheless to any other mortgages or charges affecting such property.

New paragraph.

And such receipt when registered shall, for the protection of any Receipt conclusive person dealing with the mortgagor for value and without notice, be evidence. conclusive evidence of the happening of all conditions necessary to entitle the Colonial Treasurer to receive the money and execute such 30 receipt.

Treasurer to release

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No. 44-4.

New Clauses.

Registrar may convey the land.

4. The Registrar shall be deemed to have had power under section fifty-seven of "The Property Law Consolidation Act, 1883," from the passing thereof, to convey, and he shall have power to convey, the land to such person or persons as the mortgagee may direct.

"Property Law Consolidation Act, 1883," section 47, amended. 5. There shall be added at the end of subsection three of section forty-seven of "The Property Law Consolidation Act, 1883," the following additional subsection:—

(4.) That such conveying party, his executors, administrators, or assigns, at the request and cost of the grantee, his executors, administrators, or assigns, will, unless prevented by fire or other inevitable accident, produce to him or them within the colony all registered deeds and instruments the possession of which is retained by the conveying party, and which relate to the lands conveyed as well as to other lands; and also that such conveying party, his executors, administrators, and assigns, will keep the said deeds and instruments in the meantime whole and uncancelled. This covenant shall run with the land so as to bind only the person for the time being entitled to the possession of the deeds or instruments.

6. An executor or administrator of a deceased mortgagee shall be deemed to have had from the passing of "The Property Law Consolidation Act, 1883," and to have, power to assign or 25 transfer the mortgage-debt, and to convey by deed the property comprised in the mortgage, as fully and effectually as the mortgagee if alive could have done.

Mortgage-debt of deceased mortgagee may be assigned, &c.

By Authority: Samuel Costall, Government Printer, Wellington.—1895.