

Dower.

No. III.

DOWER.

AN ACT to amend the Law relating to Dower.

[14th September, 1854.]

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.