Anno Quadragesimo et Quadragesimo Primo

Victorlae Reginae.

A.D. 1877.

No. 88.

An Act for declaring that all Grants in Fee Simple of Land in the Province of South Australia heretofore made or hereafter to be made shall be construed to include all Minerals and Metals, including Gold and Silver, on or under such lands.

[Reserved, 21st December, 1877.]

Whereas doubts have arisen whether or not all minerals and metals, more particularly gold and silver, belong to the owner in fee simple of land heretofore alienated from the Crown, and it is desirable to remove such doubts, and to declare as is hereinafter declared—Be it therefore enacted by the Governor of the Province of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of the said Province, in this present Parliament assembled, as follows:

1. The grant in fee simple of any land in South Australia heretofore granted or hereafter to be granted shall be construed to include and to convey to the owner in fee simple for the time being of such land the absolute property in all mines and minerals including gold and silver (commonly termed Royal Metals), nothing whatever above or below the surface of the land being reserved by the Crown.

I reserve this Bill for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon.

WM. F. DRUMMOND JERVOIS, Governor.