

No. 10—1858.

20th April.

AN ORDINANCE to enable Married Women to dispose of Reversionary Interests in Personal Estate.

ROB. W. KEATE.

BE it enacted by His Excellency the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Council of Government, as follows:—

1. After the commencement of this Ordinance it shall be lawful for every married woman by deed to dispose of every future or reversionary interest, whether vested or contingent of such married woman or her husband in her right, in any personal estate whatsoever to which she shall be entitled under any instrument made after the commencement of this Ordinance (except such a settlement as hereinafter mentioned), and also to release or extinguish any power which may be vested in or limited or reserved to her in regard to any such personal estate as fully and effectually as she could do if she were a *feme sole*, and also to release and extinguish her right or equity to a settlement out of any personal estate to which she or her husband in her right may be entitled in possession under any such instrument as aforesaid, save and except that no such disposition, release or extinguishment shall be valid unless the husband concur in the deed by which the same shall be effected, nor unless the deed be acknowledged by her as hereinafter directed: Provided always that nothing herein contained shall extend to any reversionary interest to which she shall become entitled by virtue of any deed, will or instrument by which she shall be restrained from alienating or effecting the same.

2. Every deed to be executed in this Island by a married woman for any of the purposes of this Ordinance shall be acknowledged by her and be otherwise perfected in the manner in and by the Ordinance passed in Council on the second day of July, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, and entitled "An Ordinance with regard to deeds made by Married Women," prescribed for the acknowledgment and perfecting of

deeds disposing of interests of Married Women in land and all and singular the clauses and provisions in the said Ordinance concerning the disposition of lands by married women including the provisions for dispensing with the concurrence of the husbands of married women in the cases in the said Ordinance mentioned shall extend and be applicable to such interests in personal estate and to such powers as may be disposed of, released or extinguished by virtue of this Ordinance as fully and effectually as if such interests or powers were interests in or powers over land.

3. Provided always, That the powers of disposition given to a married woman by this Ordinance shall not interfere with any power which, independently of this Ordinance, may be vested in or limited or reserved to her so as to prevent her from exercising such power in any case except so far as by any disposition made by her under this Ordinance she may be prevented from so doing in consequence of such power having been suspended or extinguished by such disposition.

4. Provided always that the powers of disposition hereby given to a married woman shall not enable her to dispose of any interest in personal estate settled upon her by any settlement or agreement for a settlement made on the occasion of her marriage.

Passed in Council this twentieth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight.

RICHARD D. CADIZ,
Clerk of Council.

No. 12.—1858.

1st May.

AN ORDINANCE for the registration of Bills of Sale
of Personal Chattels.

ROB. W. KEATE.

WHEREAS it is expedient that provision should be
made for the prevention of frauds upon Creditors