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**An Ordinance to adopt and apply certain Statutes of the Imperial Parliament relating to real and personal property, and to make other provisions for amending the law of real and personal property.** 44 of 1932.  
14 of 1949.

[1ST JANUARY, 1933.]

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Imperial Statutes (Law of Property) Adoption Ordinance. Short title.

2. Subject to the provisions of section 7 of the Interpretation Ordinance, and of sections 3 to 9 of this Ordinance, the Statutes of the Imperial Parliament set forth in the first column of the Schedule are hereby expressly declared to apply to this Colony to the extent specified in the second column of the Schedule. Adoption of  
Imperial  
Statutes.  
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3. So much of English Law as prohibits or restricts the alienation or devise of land for charitable purposes, or the bequest of personalty to be laid out in the purchase of land for charitable purposes, shall have no force or effect in the Colony. Charities.

Married women.

4. So much of English Law as specially restricts the acquisition holding or disposition of real or personal property by a married woman as such, whether on her own behalf or as executrix, administratrix or trustee, or limits her capacity to sue or be sued in her own name, shall have no force or effect in the Colony.

Dower and curtesy.

5. So much of English Law as confers estates in dower or by the curtesy shall have no force or effect in the Colony.

Abolition of husband's liability for wife's torts and ante-nuptial contracts, debts and obligations.

14 of 1949.

6. The husband of a married woman shall not, by reason only of his being her husband, be liable—

(a) in respect of any tort committed by her whether before or after the marriage or in respect of any contract entered into, or debt or obligation incurred by her before the marriage; or

(b) to be sued, or made a party to any legal proceeding brought, in respect of any such tort, contract, or obligation:

Provided that nothing in this section shall affect any legal proceeding in respect of any tort if proceedings had been instituted in respect thereof before the date on which this section comes into operation.

Omission of references to copyhold land, customary land, Land Commissioners, etc.

Conveyance without words of limitation passes fee.

Conveyances to corporations sole.

Application of section.

Statutes not to have retrospective effect except in certain cases.

7. Such provisions of the Statutes hereby adopted as refer to "copyhold land," "customary land," "Land Commissioners," "mines" or "minerals" shall be read and construed as though such references had been omitted therefrom.

8. (1) A conveyance of freehold land to any person without words of limitation, or any equivalent expression, shall pass to the grantee the fee simple or other the whole interest which the grantor has power to convey in such land, unless a contrary intention appears in the conveyance.

(2) A conveyance of freehold land to a corporation sole by his corporate designation, without the word "successors," shall pass to the corporation the fee simple or other the whole interest which the grantor had power to convey in such land, unless a contrary intention appears in the conveyance.

(3) The foregoing provisions of this section apply only to conveyances and deeds executed after the commencement of this Ordinance.

9. The Statutes hereby adopted shall not apply to anything done or suffered before the commencement of this Ordinance, except in such cases as the said Statutes were expressly applied

to anything done or suffered in England before the dates on which they respectively came into operation.

SCHEDULE.

Date of Statute and Title.	Extent to which applied.
44 and 45 Vict. c. 41 22nd August, 1881. The Conveyancing and Law of Property Act, 1881.	The whole Statute except sections 3 (2), 6 (3), 30, 45, 48, 65, 72 and 73.
45 and 46 Vict. c. 38 10th August, 1882. The Settled Land Act, 1882.	The whole Statute except sections 3 (ii), 4 (7), 6 (ii), 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20 (3), 21 (iii), (v) and (viii), 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 (v), 32, 46 (7), (8) and (10), 48, 49, 58 (viii), 61 and 65.
45 and 46 Vict. c. 39 10th August, 1882. The Conveyancing Act, 1882.	The whole Statute except sections 2, 7 and 11.
47 and 48 Vict. c. 18 3rd July, 1884. The Settled Land Act, 1884.	The whole Statute except sections 7 (v) and (vi), and 8.
51 and 52 Vict. c. 59 24th December, 1888. The Trustee Act, 1888.	The whole Statute.
52 and 53 Vict. c. 36 12th August, 1889. The Settled Land Act, 1889.	The whole Statute.
53 and 54 Vict. c. 19 25th July, 1890. The Trustees Appointment Act, 1890.	The whole Statute.
53 and 54 Vict. c. 69 18th August, 1890. The Settled Land Act, 1890.	The whole Statute except sections 8, 10, 13, 15, 17, 18 and 19.
55 and 56 Vict. c. 13 20th June, 1892. The Conveyancing and Law of Property Act, 1892.	The whole Statute.
56 and 57 Vict. c. 21 29th June, 1893. The Voluntary Conveyances Act, 1893.	The whole Statute.
56 and 57 Vict. c. 53 22nd September, 1893. The Trustee Act, 1893.	The whole Statute except sections 6, 16, 34, 41, 44, 46 and 52.
57 and 58 Vict. c. 10 18th June, 1894. The Trustee Act, 1893, Amendment Act, 1894.	The whole Statute except section 2.
59 and 60 Vict. c. 35 14th August, 1896. The Judicial Trustees Act, 1896.	The whole Statute.
1 and 2 Geo. V. c. 37 16th December, 1911. The Conveyancing Act, 1911.	The whole Statute except sections 4 (ii) (b) and 13.