THE LUNATICS MAINTENANCE ACT 1866.

IN THE TWENTY-NINTH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA.

1866. SESSION XIX, No. 14.

Title. AN ACT *to compel the Relatives of Lunatics to provide for their Maintenance in certain cases.*

Preamble. WHEREAS it is expedient that Lunatics and persons of unsound mind committed to the Provincial Lunatic Asylum in pursuance of the provisions of the "Lunatics Ordinance

Amendment Act 1858" should in certain cases be maintained by their relatives

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the Superintendent of the Province of Auckland by and with the advice and consent of the Provincial Council thereof

1. The Short Title of this Act shall be "The Lunatics Maintenance Act 1866" Short Title.

2. Where any Lunatic or person of unsound mind shall at the time of the passing of this Act be confined in or shall at any time hereafter be committed to the Provincial Lunatic Asylum at Auckland under and by virtue of an order made in pursuance of the "Lunatics Amendment Act 1858" if it shall appear to any Resident Magistrate or to any two Justices of the Peace that the father grandfather mother grandmother son daughter grandson grand-daughter brother sister uncle or aunt of such Lunatic or person of unsound mind is residing within the Province of Auckland and is of sufficient ability to support such Lunatic or person of unsound mind it shall be lawful for such Resident Magistrate or Justices of the Peace to summon such father or any such relative as aforesaid and to hear and determine such information in a summary way. Resident Magistrate, &c., may summon relatives of lunatics in certain cases.

3. It shall be lawful for such Resident Magistrate or Justices of the Peace on being satisfied that such father or other such relative so summoned as aforesaid is of sufficient ability to support such Lunatic or person of unsound mind to make an order on such father or other such relative for payment towards the support of such Lunatic or person of unsound mind of a sum of money at a rate not exceeding thirty shillings per week to such person at such times and in such manner as such Resident Magistrate or Justices of the Peace may direct and such order from time to time to suspend alter vary or determine as to him or them shall seem meet. May make order for support.

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