

1880, No. 57.

**DECEASED WIFE'S
SISTER MARRIAGE.**

AN ACT to legalize the Marriage of a Man with the Sister of his Deceased Wife.

[Reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient to permit the marriage of a man with the sister of his deceased wife :

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :—

Short Title.**1.** The Short Title of this Act is "The Deceased Wife's Sister Marriage Act, 1880."**Marriage with
deceased wife's
sister valid.****2.** Every marriage between any person and his deceased wife's sister which has heretofore been, or which shall hereafter be, contracted and solemnized before any minister of religion or Registrar duly authorized to solemnize marriages, shall be deemed to have been and be valid and binding ; and the issue born or hereafter to be born of such marriages shall be deemed to have been and to be born in lawful wedlock : Provided that this Act shall not render valid any such marriage in any case where either of the parties of such marriage shall thereafter before the passing of this Act have lawfully intermarried with any other person, nor shall the passing of this Act deprive, or be held to have deprived, any person of any property which such person may have lawfully inherited prior to the coming into operation of this Act or affect any *lis pendens*.