

Indemnity.

No. XIII.

INDEMNITY.

AN ORDINANCE for Indemnifying the Officers of Her Majesty's Forces and others for all acts done by them under certain Proclamations of Martial Law.

[14th October 1847.]

Preamble reciting proclamations of martial law.

WHEREAS by a Proclamation bearing date the twenty-sixth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, His Excellency the Governor of New Zealand did proclaim and declare that martial law would be exercised throughout that part of the Colony which lies around the Bay of Islands (including the said Bay) and within a circle of sixty miles in any direction from Russell, in the Bay of Islands: And whereas by several Proclamations bearing date respectively the third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six; the twentieth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six; the eighteenth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six; the eighteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven; and the twenty-seventh day of April, one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, martial law was proclaimed by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor of New Zealand in the several districts in the said Proclamations respectively described:

Officers and others indemnified for acting thereunder.

1. BE IT ENACTED by the Lieutenant-Governor of New Zealand, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, that all and singular the officers of Her Majesty's Forces and others who shall have duly acted under the authority of the said recited Proclamations, or any of them, shall be and they are hereby respectively freed indemnified and discharged of from and against all actions and prosecutions which they respectively may have been or may become liable or subject to for or by reason or by means of or in relation to any act matter or thing done by any such officer or person by virtue or under the authority of the said Proclamations or any of them; and that no act matter or thing done by any such officer or person under or by virtue of any such Proclamation shall be questioned in the Supreme Court or any other Court whatsoever within the Colony of New Zealand.