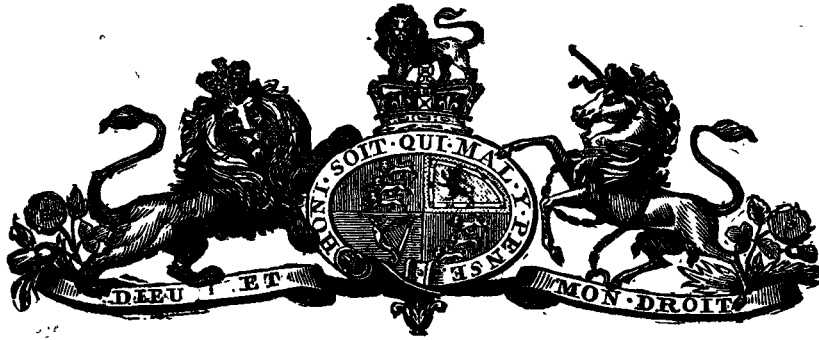


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AN ACT to amend "The Marriage Act, 1854," and the several Acts amending the same. Title.

[12th October, 1875.]

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

1. The Short Title of this Act shall be "The Marriage Act Amendment Act, 1875." Short Title.

2. This Act shall be read with and as part of "The Marriage Act, 1854," and the several Acts amending the same. Construction.

3. It shall be lawful for the Governor at any time to appoint a fit person to be the Deputy of the Registrar-General to act in case of death illness or unavoidable absence, and such Deputy shall, during the time he shall so act, have all the powers and privileges, and perform all the duties, and be subject to all the responsibilities, of the Registrar-General, except that he shall not have the power given by the eighth section of this Act of making amending altering or revoking such regulations as are therein mentioned. The appointment of such Deputy shall be notified in the *New Zealand Gazette*. Governor may appoint Deputy Registrar-General.

In case of the illness or absence of the Registrar-General his deputy shall act as such from such day as the Registrar-General (or in case of illness incapacitating him his medical attendant) shall When Deputy to act.

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certify under his hand to the Deputy appointed as aforesaid to act for him that he is ill, and unable to perform his duties, or that he is about to be absent; and such Deputy shall cease to act as such from the day on which he shall receive from the Registrar-General a certificate under his hand to the effect that the Registrar-General has resumed his duties.

Registrar-General to keep indexes, and may give certified copies of entries &c.

4. The Registrar-General shall cause indexes to be made of the certified copies of entries of marriages forwarded to him under the provisions of "The Marriage Act Amendment Act, 1858," and shall permit any person demanding to do so to search any such index, and to have a copy, certified under the Registrar-General's hand, of any record of any marriage, the particulars of which have been duly forwarded to the Registrar-General by the Officiating Minister or Registrar by whom such marriage was celebrated or registered, as may be authorized by the Acts for regulating marriages which may be in force in the colony.

For every search in any index or marriage records in the office of the Registrar-General a fee of five shillings shall be paid by the person requiring such search, and for every certified copy of any marriage entry in the records of his office there shall be paid a fee of two shillings and sixpence, or if such certified copy be under the seal of the Registrar-General, a fee of five shillings. Certified copies of marriage returns made or given by the Registrar-General, and purporting to be signed by him, shall be received as *prima facie* evidence in any Court of justice within the colony of the fact of the marriage to which it relates having been solemnized.

Penalty for injuring or destroying registers.

5. Every person who shall wilfully destroy or injure, or cause to be destroyed or injured, any register-book of marriages, or any part or certified copy of any part thereof, or shall falsely make, or counterfeit, or cause to be falsely made or counterfeited, any part of such register-book or certified copy thereof, or shall wilfully insert or cause to be inserted in any register-book or certified copy thereof, any false entry of marriage, or shall wilfully give any false certificate, or shall certify any writing to be a copy or extract of any register-book knowing the same register to be false in any part thereof, or shall forge or counterfeit the signature or seal or stamp of the Registrar-General or any impression thereof, shall be deemed guilty of felony, and be liable on conviction to penal servitude for any term not exceeding five years: Provided always that every person having the custody or care of any register-books of marriages, who shall wilfully permit or allow any such offence as aforesaid to be committed, shall be liable to the punishment hereinbefore provided in reference to persons actually committing the same.

Penalty for making false entries.

6. Every person who shall wilfully make or cause to be made, for the purpose of being inserted in any register-book of marriages, any false statement touching any of the particulars required to be known and registered under the provisions of any Act for regulating marriages in the colony which shall at the time be in force, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanour.

Section 7 of "Marriage Act, 1854," repealed; other provisions in lieu thereof.

7. The seventh section of "The Marriage Act, 1854," is hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof it is enacted that the notice required to be given by the sixth section of the said Act shall be fairly written in the marriage-notice book of the Registrar, and the signature of the person giving such notice affixed thereto: Provided always that before the issue of any certificate by the Registrar upon such notice, the Registrar shall require the person giving such notice to make a solemn declaration of the truth of the several particulars set forth in such notice.

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8. It shall be lawful for the Registrar-General from time to time to make amend alter and revoke regulations (not being repugnant to the provisions of any Act lawfully in force for regulating marriages in the colony) for the general management of the Registry Offices, and the preparation and transmission of all returns required from Registrars and Officiating Ministers respectively, and for the more effectually carrying out the provisions of any or all Marriage Acts in force in the colony; and such regulations, after being approved by the Governor, shall be obeyed accordingly.

Registrar-General may make regulations.

9. The Registrar shall be entitled, for every marriage which shall be solemnized by him, to receive from the persons married the sum of one pound instead of the sum of three pounds as provided by the twenty-fourth section of "The Marriage Act, 1854."

Persons married to pay one pound to Registrar in lieu of three pounds.

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