

No. IV.

AN ORDINANCE to alter and amend the Qualification required for the Burgesses of a Municipal District.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIVE
FRANCHISE.

[2nd July, 1851.]

WHEREAS by certain "Instructions" made and approved as by law required, and bearing date the twenty-third day of December, in the tenth year of the reign of Her Majesty, the Governor-in-Chief of New Zealand was directed to divide certain parts of the said Islands into municipal districts, and to constitute within such districts Municipal Corporations, consisting of a Mayor, Court of Aldermen, and Common Council, and of Burgesses, possessing the qualification prescribed by the said "Instructions" in that behalf: And whereas it is provided by such "Instructions" that no person shall be deemed to be a burgess of any such municipal district who is not able to read and write in the English language: And whereas by an Act made and enacted in the Parliament holden in the eleventh year of the reign of Her Majesty, intituled "*An Act to suspend for five years the operation of certain parts of an Act of the tenth year of Her present Majesty for making further provision for the Government of the New Zealand Islands, and to make other provision in lieu thereof*," after reciting amongst other things that the qualification prescribed for the burgesses of any such municipal district should be subject to regulation as thereinafter mentioned, it is enacted that it shall and may be lawful for the said Governor-in-Chief from time to time, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council of New Zealand, by Ordinance to depart from the said "Instructions" in so far as the same relate to the nature and extent of the said qualification for burgesses in the said municipal districts or any of them, or in any particular case, as the said Governor-in-Chief, by and with the like advice and consent, may think proper, anything in the said therein first-mentioned Act Letters Patent or Instructions to the contrary notwithstanding: And whereas it is expedient that the ability to read and write in the English language shall not be necessary to qualify any person to be a burgess of any such municipal district:

Preamble reciting
Royal Instructions.

And 11 Vict. c. 5.

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the Governor-in-Chief of New Zealand, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

1. Every person who may otherwise be duly qualified, as prescribed by the said "Instructions," shall be deemed and taken to be a burgess of any such municipal district although he may not be able to read and write in the English language.

Ability to read and write in the English language dispensed with as a qualification for the burgesses of a municipal district.

No. V.