

1880, No. 52.

PUBLIC REVENUES.

AN ACT to amend "The Public Revenues Act, 1878."

[1st September, 1880.]

BE IT 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 Public Revenues Act, 1880."

Partial repeal of section 18, "Public Revenues Act, 1878."

2. In the eighteenth section of "The Public Revenues Act, 1878," (herein after called "the said Act"), the words "four hundred thousand pounds" are repealed, and the words "six hundred thousand pounds" shall be read in lieu thereof.

Repeal of section 36 of said Act, and provision made in lieu thereof.

3. The thirty-sixth section of the said Act is hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof the following enactment is made :—

Except as herein otherwise provided, every annual Appropriation Act shall lapse at the end of the financial year or other period to which it relates, and all outstanding liabilities incurred under the authority thereof shall be included in the estimates of the next financial year or period.

Every Under Secretary or other officer authorized to certify claims for the payment of public money shall, within thirty days after the close of the financial year or period, prepare and send to the Audit Office a certified statement, in such form as the Treasury directs, of all liabilities in respect of the services of his department outstanding at the close of such year or period, and the Audit Office shall lay all such statements before Parliament within ten days after its first sitting next after the Audit Officer shall have received the same, together with a summary thereof.

Annual appropriations for three months under certain conditions.

4. If, during the space of three calendar months after the expiration of such financial year or period, no Act is passed granting or appropriating moneys for the service thereof, the Colonial Treasurer may, until any such Act is passed, issue and pay moneys during such three months, but no longer, subject to the following conditions :—

(1.) Payments in respect of any purpose or service shall not exceed the amount of the unexpended balance of the vote for such purpose or service provided in the Appropriation Act for the year or period immediately preceding, together with an amount equal to one-fourth of the total of all salaries, pay, wages, allowances, mail contracts, rents, and other recurrent charges, and of all ordinary contingencies of any office or department provided for by the aforesaid vote, and set forth in the estimates relating thereto ; but no payments shall be made for any purposes or services other than those for which provision was made in the aforesaid Appropriation Act and estimates, or in excess of the scale therein set forth.

(2.) All moneys issued and paid under the authority of this section shall be included in the estimates for the year or other period in which the same are paid, and in the accounts of such period.

Repeal of section 75 of said Act and provision made in lieu thereof.

5. The seventy-fifth section of the said Act is hereby repealed, and the following shall be read in lieu thereof :—

Every person making any declaration or giving any certificate required to be made or given by this Act, or by any regulation issued under the authority thereof, knowing the same to be false, shall be guilty of wilful and corrupt perjury.

Duration of Act.

6. This Act shall continue in operation until the end of the next session of the General Assembly, and no longer.