

No. XVII.

RAUPO HOUSES. AN ORDINANCE for imposing a Tax upon Raupo Houses.
[3rd March, 1842.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS the lives and property of persons residing in towns are endangered by the erection therein of buildings constructed of raupo and other materials which readily take fire: For the purpose of discouraging the erection of such buildings,

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

1. It shall be lawful for His Excellency the Governor from time to time by Proclamation to declare the provisions hereinafter contained to be in force in any town or part of any town the boundaries whereof respectively shall be defined by such Proclamation.

Power to the Governor to bring Ordinance into operation.

2. On a day to be named in such Proclamation, not being less than six calendar months from the date thereof, and on the same day in every succeeding year, there shall be levied in respect of every building constructed wholly or in part of raupo, nikau, toetoe, wiwi, kakaho, straw, or thatch of any description, and situate within the boundaries so defined, the sum of twenty pounds.

Tax on raupo buildings.

3. Such sum as aforesaid shall be paid on demand to the Colonial Treasurer or District Treasurer as the case may be, or to any person by him authorized to demand the same, by the occupier, or if there be no occupier by the owner of such building. In default of payment, the same shall be recovered in a summary way.

By whom payable.

4. No person shall erect or cause to be erected any such building as aforesaid in any town in which the provisions of this Ordinance shall have been declared to be in force. Every person shall for so offending forfeit and pay the sum of one hundred pounds, to be recovered in a summary way.

Not to be erected after a certain date.