

*Right Hon. Sir J. G. Ward.*

CHINESE IMMIGRANTS AMENDMENT.

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ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Chinese Immigrants Act, 1881. Title.

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Chinese Immigrants Amendment Act, 1907, and shall form part of and be read together with the Chinese Immigrants Act, 1881 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act). Short Title.
- 10 2. This Act shall come into operation on the first day of March, nineteen hundred and *eight*. Commencement of Act.
3. It shall not be lawful for any Chinese to land in New Zealand until it has been proved to the satisfaction of the Collector or other principal officer of Customs at some port in New Zealand that such Chinese is able to read a printed passage of not less than one hundred words of the English language, selected at the discretion of such Collector or principal officer : Chinese immigrants to pass reading-test.
- 15 Provided that any Chinese who is dissatisfied with the decision of the Collector or principal officer shall have the right to appeal to a Magistrate, who shall administer such further test in reading the English language as he thinks fit, and the decision of the Magistrate shall be final.
4. (1.) Any master of a ship who lands or permits to land in New Zealand any Chinese who has not fulfilled the requirements of this Act shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding *fifty* pounds. Penalties.
- 25 (2.) Any Chinese who lands, or attempts to land, in New Zealand without having fulfilled the requirements of this Act shall be liable to the same penalties, and may be dealt with in the same manner, as if he had landed or attempted to land without payment having been made as provided by section five of the principal Act.
- 30 5. This Act shall not apply to any Minister or teacher of the Christian religion duly accredited to the satisfaction of the Colonial Secretary. Act not to apply to certain persons.