

*New Parliament.*

*Sir G. Grey.*

CRIMINAL LAW PROCEDURE.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Law relating to Criminal Procedure.

Title.

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

5 1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Criminal Law Procedure Act, 1884."

Short Title.

2. The provisions of the third section of this Act shall apply to every trial for felony or misdemeanour which shall be commenced on and after the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, one thousand 10 eight hundred and eighty-four.

Operation of Act.

3. Whenever any prisoner or prisoners, defendant or defendants, shall be defended by counsel, such counsel may, in his address to the jury, without calling any evidence, make a statement or explanation, on behalf of the prisoner, of the facts and occurrences given in 15 evidence against such prisoner, in the same manner in all respects as the prisoner himself might do personally if he were not defended by counsel.

Counsel for defence may make statement without calling evidence.