

Mr. Stewart.

FEMALE REDRESS.

ANALYSIS.

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Preamble.
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2. Action may be maintained for words imputing unchastity to a female.

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to provide Redress for Words imputing Unchastity to a Female. Title.

WHEREAS it is expedient to give redress for words imputing unchastity to a female. Preamble.

BE IT THEREFORE 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 Female Redress Act, 1880." Short Title.

10 **2.** An action may be maintained by a female, whether married or single, to recover damages for words hereafter spoken imputing unchastity to her ; and it shall not be necessary to allege or prove special damage in order to maintain such action. In any such action a married woman may sue alone, and any recovery therein shall be her sole and separate property, and she shall be liable and proceedings may be had against her for costs, in all respects as if she were a *feme sole*. Action may be maintained for words imputing unchastity to a female.