

[AS REPORTED FROM THE GOLD FIELDS AND MINES COMMITTEE.]

Mr. Brown.

GOLD DUTIES ABOLITION.

ANALYSIS.

Title.
Preamble.
1. Short Title.

2. Export duties on gold abolished excepting in North Island.

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to abolish Duties on Gold, and for other Purposes. Title.

WHEREAS it is expedient that the duties upon gold should be abolished: Preamble.

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

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Gold Duties Abolition Act, 1884." Short Title.

2. From and after the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, the duty now levied upon the exportation of gold shall be abolished: Provided, however, that this Act shall not apply to the North Island unless the following conditions are first complied with,—

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New Subsections.

(1.) That a petition in favour thereof is presented to the Governor from not less than one-half of the holders of miners' rights residing and mining in any mining district in the said Island, praying the Governor to bring this Act into operation within such mining district;

(2.) That public notice shall be advertised in some newspaper circulating in the mining district proposed to be proclaimed once at least in each of four weeks immediately preceding the presentation of any petition, signed by a Resident Magistrate, stating that a petition duly signed as aforesaid is to be presented;

(3.) That the counties and boroughs receiving the revenues derived from the duties upon gold in any such mining district from which a petition is presented pass resolutions, and forward the same to the Governor, praying that this Act may be brought into force.