

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to Amend "The Provincial Audit Act 1866." Title.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend in certain particulars the Act of the General Assembly the Short Title whereof is "The Provincial Audit Act 1866" 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 shall be "The Provincial Audit Act Amendment Act 1868" and it shall come into operation on the day of Short Title.

2. Whereas by the twelfth section of the said Act it is enacted that if any such warrant as is therein referred to in excess of or without the appropriation of such Act or Ordinance as is therein referred to be submitted to the Provincial Auditor for his signature then if the same shall be accompanied by a special order signed by the Superintendent expressly directing the Provincial Auditor to certify such warrant then and in that case it shall be the duty of the Provincial Auditor to certify the same accordingly. Provided that the whole amount in any financial year of such special orders for the issue of money without such legal authorization as aforesaid shall not exceed in amount one-twentieth part of the amount of the ordinary Provincial revenues of the preceding year. Be it enacted that in lieu of the said recited proviso to the said twelfth section there shall be substituted the proviso following that is to say—Provided that the whole amount of such special orders as aforesaid issued in any year or other period less than a year for which any such Act or Ordinance as aforesaid appropriating money for public services shall be passed shall not exceed one-twentieth part of the amount of the ordinary Provincial revenue of the Province (exclusive of the proceeds of any loan of any kind whatsoever) received during the year preceding or if the period for which such Act or Ordinance shall appropriate moneys be less than a year then of the ordinary Provincial revenue exclusive as aforesaid received during a period of equal length with and immediately preceding the period for which such appropriation shall be made. Twelfth section of "The Provincial Audit Act 1866" recited.
Ordinary Provincial revenues not to include the proceeds of loans.
New proviso substituted.
Special orders during a financial period not to exceed one-twentieth part of revenue exclusive of loans received during period of equal length immediately preceding.

3. The quarterly and other accounts which by the sixteenth section of the said recited Act are required to be made up and forwarded to the Provincial Auditor of the Province to which they relate shall be made up in such form as the Governor shall from time to time direct and shall be forwarded to such Auditor as aforesaid not later than thirty days after the termination of the quarter or financial period for which they shall have been made up. Provincial accounts to be sent to Auditor not later than thirty days after termination of quarter or financial period.