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PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENTS PROHIBITION.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to authorize the Prohibition of certain kinds of Public Entertainment. Title.
BE IT 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 Public Entertainments Prohibition Act, 1880." Short Title.

2. In this Act, if not inconsistent with the context,—

Interpretation.

5 "Public entertainment" means and includes any tragedy, comedy, play, farce, burlesque, burletta, melodrama, pantomime, musical entertainment, concert, ballet, stage-dancing, jugglery, tumbling, horsemanship, exhibition of animals or other similar exhibition, and also that kind of entertainment known as the drawing-room
10 entertainment, and every sort or kind of entertainment, exhibition, or amusement presented, held, or given to which admission shall or may be procured by payment of money, or by tickets, or by the purchase of any article as a condition of admission, or by any other means, token, or condition as the price, hire, or rent of admission; and, also,
15 includes every interlude, prelude, prologue, epilogue, or other part of any such public entertainment as herein-before defined:

"Place of entertainment" means and includes any theatre, house, room, building, tenement, garden, or place in which public entertainments as herein defined are or may be presented, held, or given.

20 3. Whenever the Colonial Secretary shall be of opinion that any proposed public entertainment—

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(1.) Is in violation of good manners or decorum, or has an immoral tendency; or

25 (2.) Is likely, from the nature of the performance, to be dangerous to the life or limbs of the performer, or cause him or any other or others actual bodily harm; or,

(3.) Has a tendency to cause or lead to a disturbance of the public peace,— he may, by writing under his hand, prohibit the presenting, holding, or giving of any such entertainment.

What notice of prohibition to be sufficient.

A written or printed notice, under the hand of the Colonial Secretary, posted up, in or upon a conspicuous public part of any place where such public entertainment is proposed to be held or given, shall be sufficient notice to all persons concerned that the entertainment mentioned therein has been prohibited.

Penalty in case prohibition disregarded.

4. Every person who presents, holds, or gives any public entertainment so prohibited as aforesaid, or who permits or causes the same to be presented, held, or given, or who takes part or assists therein, contrary to such prohibition as aforesaid, shall be liable to a penalty for every such offence not exceeding *fifty* pounds. 5

Forfeiture of license in certain cases.

5. If the place of entertainment in which such offence shall have been committed is opened or used under any license or authority granted under any Act or Ordinance for the time being in force, such license or authority shall become absolutely void. 10