

Sir G. Grey.

PARLIAMENTARY OATHS.

ANALYSIS.

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| Title. | 2. Affirmation, &c, in lieu of oath. |
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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to enable Persons Elected to be Members of the House of Representatives to make before taking their Seats an Affirmation in lieu of an Oath. 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 Parliamentary Oaths Act, 1881." Short Title.

10 **2.** It shall be lawful for every person elected to be a member of the House of Representatives, before taking his seat therein, to make, in lieu of the oath now by law required to be so taken, the following promise, affirmation, or declaration before the person or persons empowered to administer the same, that is to say,—

"I, A.B., do sincerely promise and affirm [*or* declare] that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Victoria."

15 **3.** The same penalties, forfeiture, and disabilities which are now in force and are attached respectively to the neglect, refusal, and false or corrupt taking or subscribing the oath aforesaid, shall apply and attach in like manner in respect of the neglect, refusal, and false or corrupt making or subscribing of the said promise and affirmation, or
20 declaration. Penalties, &c., to apply to affirmations, &c.