

Sir G. Grey.

Prevention of Corruption.

ANALYSIS.

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| <p>Title.</p> <p>1. Short Title.</p> <p>2. Attempt to corruptly influence member punishable by imprisonment.</p> | <p>3. Member becoming a party to such corrupt influence liable to imprisonment.</p> <p>4. Witness refusing to attend or give evidence before either House of Legislature without lawful excuse, guilty of a misdemeanour.</p> <p>5. Disqualification.</p> |
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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to prevent Corrupt Practices in Parliament. 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 Prevention of Corruption Act, 1879.” Short Title.

2. Every person who gives, or offers to give, a bribe to any member of the New Zealand Assembly, or to another person for him, or attempts, by menace, deceit, suppression of truth, offer or promise of any office, or offer or promise of expenditure of public money, or erection of public work, or any particular advantage in or to any locality, or by any other corrupt means to influence a member in giving or withholding his vote, or in not attending the House or any Committee of which he is a member, or giving assistance or support to any particular measure, or to any particular side of any question upon which he shall be required to act in his official capacity, shall be punishable by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than years. Attempt to corruptly influence member punishable by imprisonment.

3. Every member of the General Assembly of New Zealand who asks, receives, or agrees to receive, or becomes a party to receiving, any bribe, or the gift of any office, or who becomes a party to any of the offences or corrupt practices set forth in the preceding section, upon any understanding that his official vote, opinion, judgment, or action shall be influenced thereby, or shall be given in any particular manner, or upon any particular side of any question or matter upon which he may be required to act in his official capacity, or gives, or offers, or promises to give, any official vote in consideration that another member of the Assembly shall give any such vote, either upon the same or another question, shall be punishable by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than years. Member becoming a party to such corrupt influence liable to imprisonment.

4. Every person who, being summoned to attend as a witness before either house of the Legislature or any Committee thereof, refuses or neglects, without lawful excuse, to attend pursuant to such summons, and every person who, being present before either House of the Legislature, or any Committee thereof, wilfully refuses to be sworn or to answer any material and proper question, or to produce upon reasonable notice any material and proper books, papers, or documents in his possession or under his control, is guilty of a misdemeanour. Witness refusing to attend or give evidence before either House of Legislature without lawful excuse, guilty of a misdemeanour.

5. Every member of the General Assembly of New Zealand convicted of any offence defined, set out, or contained in this Act shall, in addition to the punishment herein prescribed, forfeit his seat and office and be for ever disqualified from becoming again a member of the said General Assembly, or of holding any office under the Government of this colony. Disqualification.