

This PUBLIC BILL originated in the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL and having this day passed as now printed is transmitted to the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES for their concurrence.

*Legislative Council,
17th June, 1870.*

Punishment of High Treason.

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AN ACT to alter the Punishment in certain cases of High Treason. Title.

WHEREAS by an Act of the Imperial Parliament passed in the fifty-fourth year of His late Majesty King George the Third, chapter one hundred and forty-six, intituled "An Act to alter the Punishment in certain Cases of High Treason," after reciting that in certain cases of high treason, as the law then stood, the sentence or judgment required by law to be pronounced or awarded against persons convicted or adjudged guilty of the said crime was such sentence as in the preamble to the said Act is set forth, it was enacted that in all cases of high treason in which, as the law then stood, the sentence or judgment ordained by law was as aforesaid, the sentence or judgment to be pronounced or awarded from and after the passing of the said Act against any person convicted or adjudged guilty should be, that such person should be drawn on a hurdle to the place of execution and be there hanged by the neck until such person should be dead; and that afterwards the head should be severed from the body of such person, and the body, divided into four quarters, should be disposed of as His Majesty and his successors should think fit: And whereas it is expedient in the said cases of high treason to alter the sentence or judgment now required by law:

Preamble.
54 Geo. III. c. 146.

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 Punishment of High Treason Act, 1870." Short Title.

2. From and after the passing of this Act, the said recited Act shall be deemed not to extend to or be applicable in the administration of justice within the Colony of New Zealand.

The Imperial Act
54 Geo. III. c. 146
not to be deemed to
extend to the Colony.

3. In all cases of high treason in which as the law now stands the sentence or judgment ordained by law is as aforesaid, the sentence or judgment to be pronounced or awarded from and after the passing of this Act against any person convicted or adjudged guilty of such high treason, whether committed before or after the passing of this Act, shall be, That such person shall be taken to the place of execution and be there hanged by the neck until such person be dead.

Form of sentence in
cases of high treason.