

New Parliament.

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

House of Representatives,
15th December, 1879.

[AS AMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.]

Hon. Major Atkinson.

Public Revenues.

ANALYSIS.

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| <p>Title.</p> <p>1. Short Title.</p> <p>2. Section 36 of "The Public Revenues Act, 1878," repealed, and provision made in lieu thereof.</p> | <p>3. Annual appropriations extended for three months under certain conditions.</p> <p>4. Duration of Act.</p> |
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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The Public Revenues Act, 1878." 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 Revenues Act, 1879." Short Title.

2. The thirty-sixth section of "The Public Revenues Act, 1878" (hereinafter called "the said Act") is hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof the following enactment is made:—

Section 36 of "The Public Revenues Act, 1878," repealed, and provision made in lieu thereof.

Except as herein otherwise provided, every annual Appropriation Act shall lapse at the end of the financial year or other period to which it relates, and all outstanding liabilities incurred under the authority thereof shall be included in the Estimates of the next financial year or period.

Every Under Secretary or other officer authorized to certify claims for the payment of public money shall, within *thirty* days after the close of the financial year or period, prepare and send to the Audit Office a certified statement, in such form as the Treasury directs, of all liabilities in respect of the services of his department outstanding at the close of such year or period, and the Audit Office shall lay all such statements before Parliament within *ten* days after its first sitting next after the Audit Officer shall have received the same.

Annual appropriations extended for three months under certain conditions.

3. If, during the space of three calendar months after the expiration of such financial year or period, no Act is passed granting or appropriating moneys for the service thereof, the Audit Office and Treasury may issue and pay moneys during such three months, but no longer, subject to the following conditions:—

- (1.) No payment shall be made for any works or services other than those for which provision was made in the Appropriation Act last passed; 5
- (2.) For the salaries and current contingencies of the public service, payments shall be made only upon the scale set forth in such Appropriation Act, in proportion to the period of such service; 10
- (3.) For all other works and services the payments shall not exceed the unexpended balances of the votes for the same at the time when the said Appropriation Act lapsed; 15
- (4.) All moneys issued and paid under the authority of this section shall be included in the Estimates for the year or other period in which the same are paid, and in the accounts of such period.

New Clause.

Duration of Act.

4. This Act shall continue in operation until the end of the next session of the General Assembly, and no longer. 20