

New Parliament.

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

*Legislative Council,
3rd December, 1879.*

Hon. Mr. Whitaker.

Revision of Statutes.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT for compiling an Edition of the Enactments in force in New Zealand of a Public and General Nature.

WHEREAS it is expedient that an edition of the Public General Statutes in force in this colony should be prepared in the manner hereinafter set forth :

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 is "The Revision of Statutes Act, 1879."

2. "The Reprint of Statutes Act, 1878," is hereby repealed.

3. The Governor may issue a Commission under the Seal of the Colony to not exceeding three persons, one being a Judge of the Supreme Court, appointing such persons Commissioners for the purposes of this Act.

The Governor may also appoint some fit person to be Secretary to the said Commissioners; and the Commissioners may employ such clerical assistance as they, from time to time, may find necessary.

4. The Commissioners so appointed shall have the following powers, duties, and functions :—

(1.) They shall prepare and arrange for publication an edition of all the Public General Acts :

(2.) They shall revise, correct, arrange, and consolidate such Acts, omitting all such enactments and parts thereof

as are of a temporary character or of a local or personal nature, or have expired, become obsolete, been repealed, or had their effect :

- (3.) They shall omit mere formal and introductory words, and all enactments repealing any matter, and shall make such alterations as may be necessary to reconcile the contradictions, supply the omissions, and amend the imperfections of the existing Acts : 5
- (4.) They shall also report upon such contradictions, omissions, and imperfections as may appear in the existing Acts, 10 with the mode in which they have reconciled, supplied, and amended the same :
- (5.) They may indicate such Acts or parts of Acts as in their judgment ought to be repealed, with their reasons for such repeal, and may recommend the passing of such new enactments, as may, in their judgment, be necessary : 15
- (6.) They may include in the said edition such enactments of the Imperial Parliament in force in this colony as, from their general interest and importance, the Commissioners may think it desirable should be so included : 20
- (7.) They may examine and report on the Bill lately introduced into the Imperial Parliament to establish a code of indictable offences and the procedure relating thereto, and may, if they think fit, adopt the said Bill for enactment by the General Assembly : 25
- (8.) They shall from time to time report to the Governor their progress and proceedings ; and, when they shall have completed the revision and consolidation of the Acts relating to any separate branch of the law, they shall cause a copy of the same to be submitted to the Governor. 30

Governor to transmit reports of Commissioners to Legislature.

5. The Governor shall from time to time transmit to the Legislature the said reports, together with the Acts so revised and consolidated as aforesaid, in order that the said Acts may be enacted by the Legislature and the force of law given thereto, if the Legislature shall think fit. 35

Expenses of carrying Act into operation.

6. The Governor may appoint such honorarium to be made to the Commissioners, and such sum to be paid to the Secretary to be employed by the said Commissioners, as he may deem a reasonable remuneration for their respective services ; which sums, together with all other necessary charges and expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions of this Act, or which have been incurred or become chargeable under the Act hereby repealed, shall be paid by the Colonial Treasurer out of any moneys appropriated by the General Assembly for that purpose. 40 45