

*Native Force.*

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Session VIII. No. I.

NATIVE FORCE.

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the Government and Discipline of Troops to be raised in the Colony of New Zealand. [10th August, 1847.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS a body of troops for the Queen's service may be raised in the Colony of New Zealand either partly or wholly from amongst Her Majesty's subjects of the Native race: And whereas it is expedient that, until such troops shall become liable to martial law by being placed under the command of an officer having a commission immediately from Her Majesty, special provision be in the meantime made in that behalf:

BE IT THEREFORE enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor of New Zealand, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

Native force to be subject to Mutiny Act &c.

1. All things contained in any Act of Parliament which shall for the time being be in force within the Colony of New Zealand for punishing mutiny and desertion and for the better payment of the army and their quarters, and in the Articles of War made in pursuance of any such Act, shall be in force with respect to such body of troops and to all the officers, non-commissioned officers, drummers, and privates of the same being mustered and in pay in all cases whatsoever in like manner as if the same formed part of the body of forces specially referred to in any such Act of Parliament.

Provisions of Articles of War &c. to be printed in English and Maori.

2. Provided always that an abstract of the provisions of the said Act of Parliament and Articles of War, in so far as they are intended to apply to the Native force herein referred to, shall be printed in the Maori and English languages and published in the Government Gazette, and a copy thereof be furnished to each Native before being enlisted in such force.