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same or any part thereof to the Superintendent of the Province in which such land is situate, and his successors, and the said land so granted shall thenceforth be deemed in all respects to have been land granted under the first section of this Act.

Grants already made to Trustees, and not accepted or acted on before 1st January, 1855, to be void.

14. In case any grant shall have been made by the Governor of the said Colony of any land which, but for such grant, would have come within the provisions of this Act, to any Trustee or Trustees for any purpose of public utility within the said Colony, if such grant shall not be accepted or acted on by such Trustee or Trustees on or before the first of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, such grant shall be and is hereby declared to be void and of no effect, and the lands included therein may be granted and disposed of according to the provisions of this Act in like manner as if no such grant had been made.

Interpretation of word "Governor."

15. The term "Governor" throughout this Act shall be held to include the Officer Administering the Government of this Colony for the time being.

Short Title.

16. This Act shall be entitled "*The Public Reserves Act, 1854*," and may be cited and referred to by that title.

No. VIII.

LAW PRACTITIONERS. AN ACT to enable the Barristers and the Solicitors of the Supreme Court to act as general Law Practitioners.

[14th September, 1854.]

Preamble, Ordinance Session IX., No. 3.

WHEREAS by the Ordinance No. III. of the late Legislative Council of this Colony, passed in the Ninth Session thereof, it was enacted that it should be lawful for any person being a barrister or solicitor of the Supreme Court to act therein in the twofold capacity of barrister and solicitor for a period of five years from the passing of such Ordinance, subject to the proviso therein contained: And whereas the said Ordinance expired in the month of November in the year last passed, and has not since been revived, nor any of the provisions thereof: And whereas it is expedient that the barristers and the solicitors of the said Supreme Court should be empowered to act as general law practitioners within this Colony and its dependencies:

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand as follows:—

Barristers and solicitors of the Supreme Court may act as general law practitioners within this Colony and its dependencies.

1. It shall be lawful for any barrister or solicitor of the said Supreme Court to act as well in the capacity of barrister and advocate as of attorney and solicitor within this Colony and its dependencies, and in the several Courts of Justice which are now or shall be at any future time therein erected and constituted, for the period of five years, to be computed from the passing of this Act.

No action to be carried on against any barrister for having acted as solicitor.

2. No action shall be commenced or carried on in the said Supreme Court against any barrister thereof for having acted as an attorney or solicitor of such Court since the expiration of the Ordinance hereinbefore recited.

Short Title.

3. This Act shall be termed and may be cited and referred to as "*The Law Practitioners Act, 1854*."