

Colony, or of the Officer lawfully Administering the Government thereof, shall be deemed to have been duly appointed as such Justice notwithstanding such persons may not have been appointed by Commission under the Public Seal of the Colony, and notwithstanding any other defect or informality in their appointments.

2. This Act shall be intituled and may be cited as "The Magistrates' Indemnity Act, 1856."

Short Title.

No. XII.

AN ACT to amend "The Marriage Act, 1854." [29th July, 1856.]

MARRIAGE ACT AMENDMENT.

Preamble.

WHEREAS by the seventeenth section of "The Marriage Act, 1854," it is provided that in certain cases the consent of a Judge of the Supreme Court to the marriage of a person under age may be substituted for the consent of the father guardian or mother of such person: And whereas it is expedient that the said provision be amended:

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

Repealing section 17 of "The Marriage Act, 1854."

In certain cases Judge of Supreme Court may consent to marriage of infants.

1. The said seventeenth section of the Marriage Act is hereby repealed.

2. In case any father guardian or mother, whose consent is made necessary by the said Act to the marriage of a person under age, shall be non compos mentis, or in case any such guardian shall unreasonably or from undue motives refuse or withhold his consent to a proper marriage, then it shall be lawful for any person desirous of marrying in any of the above-mentioned cases, to apply by petition to a Judge of the Supreme Court in a summary way, and in case the marriage proposed shall, upon examination, appear to be proper, such Judge shall judicially declare the same to be so, and such judicial declaration shall be deemed and taken to be as good and effectual to all intents and purposes as if the father guardian or mother of the person so petitioning had consented to such marriage.

No. XIII.

AN ACT for enabling the affairs of the Colonial Bank of Issue to be wound up. [29th July, 1856.]

NEW ZEALAND COLONIAL BANK OF ISSUE WINDING-UP.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient to enable the Governor of the Colony to wind up and close the affairs of the Colonial Bank of Issue:

Governor to wind up the affairs of the Bank.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly as follows:—

1. It shall be lawful for the Governor of the Colony, at such time and in such manner as may be deemed convenient after the passing of this Act, to wind up close and settle the affairs of the Colonial Bank of Issue, and for that purpose, when and as may be deemed expedient, to call in all outstanding notes of the said Bank and pay the same without