

Provincial Laws.

thereby be directed: Provided always that no felony shall be thereby created nor any punishment or penalty attached to any such act or omission which shall exceed six months imprisonment with hard labour or one hundred pounds sterling in amount for any one offence.

Short Title.

3. This Act may be cited for all purposes as "*The Provincial Councils Powers Act, 1856.*"

No. XXXV.

PROVINCIAL LAWS.

AN ACT to give the validity of Acts of the General Assembly to certain Laws made by the Superintendents and Provincial Councils of the several Provinces of New Zealand.

[16th August, 1856.]

Preamble reciting "*Provincial Councils Powers Act, 1856,*" whereby it is enacted Superintendents of Provinces may alter the civil jurisdiction of any Court in such Provinces, also certain Acts or Ordinances of the Provinces not hitherto valid as Acts of the General Assembly.

WHEREAS an Act has been passed in the present Session of the General Assembly of New Zealand, and has been reserved for the assent of Her Majesty, intituled "*The Provincial Councils Powers Act, 1856,*" whereby it is enacted that it shall be lawful for the Superintendent and Provincial Council of any Province in New Zealand to make or ordain Laws or Ordinances for altering the civil jurisdiction of any Court of Summary Procedure having jurisdiction in such Province, in all suits or proceedings where the debt or damage claimed shall not exceed twenty pounds: And it is also further enacted that the Superintendent and Provincial Council of any Province in New Zealand shall have power by any Acts or Ordinances to enact that certain acts or omissions contrary to the provisions of such Acts or Ordinances of such Superintendent and Provincial Council shall be offences, within the Province to which such Act or Ordinance shall relate, punishable summarily or otherwise as may thereby be directed: Provided always that no felony shall be thereby created nor any punishment or penalty attached to any such act or omission which shall exceed six months' imprisonment with hard labour, or one hundred pounds sterling in amount, for each conviction: And whereas certain Acts and Ordinances have been passed by the Superintendents and Provincial Councils of the said Provinces, creating special offences not at the time of the passing thereof known to the law of New Zealand or summarily punishable thereby, and attaching penalties to the commission thereof, and which Acts and Ordinances have received the assent of the Governor or Officer Administering the Government, or have been left to their operation:

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

1. Every Act or Ordinance, and every enactment and provision thereof, heretofore passed by any Superintendent and Provincial Council, which has not been disallowed by the Governor or Officer Administering the Government, and which would have been legal and valid if the hereinbefore recited Act of the General Assembly had been in force at the time of the passing of such Act or Ordinance, shall be as valid and effectual and shall be deemed to have been as valid and effectual from the time of the passing thereof as though the same had been passed by the General Assembly of New Zealand.

2. This Act may be cited for all purposes as "*The Provincial Laws Act, 1856.*"

Short Title.

No. XXXVI.

This Act to have retrospective effect, and all Provincial Acts or Ordinances hitherto made and not disallowed by Governor, rendered valid and effectual from respective dates of passing thereof.