

English Laws.

No. II.

ENGLISH LAWS.

AN ACT to declare the Laws of England, so far as applicable to the circumstances of the Colony, to have been in force therein on and after the Fourteenth day of January, One thousand eight hundred and forty. [28th May, 1858.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS the laws of England as existing on the fourteenth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and forty, have until recently been applied in the administration of justice in the Colony of New Zealand so far as such laws were applicable to the circumstances thereof: And whereas doubts have now been raised as to what Acts of the Imperial Parliament passed before the said fourteenth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and forty, are in force in the said Colony: And whereas it is expedient that all such doubts should be removed without delay:

BE IT THEREFORE DECLARED AND ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

The laws of England to apply to the Colony from and after the 14th day of January, 1840.

1. The laws of England as existing on the fourteenth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and forty, shall, so far as applicable to the circumstances of the said Colony of New Zealand, be deemed and taken to have been in force therein on and after that day, and shall continue to be therein applied in the administration of justice accordingly.

Short Title.

2. This Act may for all purposes be cited as "*The English Laws Act, 1858.*"

No. III.

CROWN COSTS.

AN ACT to provide for the Payment of Costs in Proceedings instituted on behalf of the Crown.

[28th May, 1858.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS in divers proceedings instituted by or on behalf of the Crown against the Queen's subjects no costs are recovered by the Crown except in certain cases, and no costs are paid by the Crown to the subject: And whereas it is expedient to assimilate the law as to the recovery of costs in such proceedings by or on behalf of the Crown to that in force as to proceedings between subject and subject:

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

In certain Crown suits &c., where the Crown is successful, costs to be recovered as between subject and subject.

1. In all informations actions suits and all other legal proceedings to be hereafter instituted before any Court or tribunal by or on behalf of the Crown against any Corporation or person or persons in respect of any lands tenements or hereditaments, or of any goods or chattels belonging or accruing to the Crown, or in respect of any sum or sums of money due and owing to Her Majesty, Her Majesty's Attorney-General for the Colony shall be entitled to recover costs for and on behalf of Her Majesty, where judgment shall be given for the Crown,

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