

Fines for Assaults.

Minutes to be kept.

23. A minute of every Resolution agreed to at any such meeting shall be entered in a book to be kept for that purpose, and shall be signed by the said Commissioners who shall have agreed thereto.

Accounts to be kept and audited.

24. The Commissioners shall in a book to be kept by them for that purpose enter true accounts of all sums of money by them received and paid and of the several matters in respect whereof such sums shall have been received and paid. All such accounts, with all vouchers and papers relating thereto, together with a full abstract or balance sheet thereof, signed by three at least of the Commissioners, shall yearly at such general meeting as aforesaid be submitted to such meeting, and shall (as soon thereafter as conveniently may be) be examined and audited by two or more persons to be appointed for that purpose by such meeting.

Copy of balance sheet to be published.

25. A copy of such abstract or balance sheet shall also be posted up by such Commissioners at or before the commencement of such meeting as aforesaid, upon some conspicuous part of the place in which such meeting shall be held.

Moneys books &c. to be handed over to new Commissioners.

26. All moneys found by the Auditors to be due from the Commissioners under the provisions of this Ordinance, together with all such books of accounts vouchers and papers, shall be forthwith paid and delivered over to the Commissioners for the ensuing year.

Crown and native property not to be rated.

27. Provided always and be it enacted that no land belonging to the Crown or to any of the aboriginal inhabitants of the Colony shall be liable to be rated under the authority of this Ordinance.

No district to be included within any borough.

28. Provided also that in case any portion of any district shall be included within the boundaries of any borough hereafter to be incorporated, the portion so included shall thenceforth cease to form part of such district for any of the purposes of this Ordinance.

Interpretation clause.

29. In the construction of this Ordinance the word "person" shall be taken to include any body corporate or body of Trustees.

FORM OF CLAIM.

To Esq., Police Magistrate for the District of
I HEREBY give you notice that I claim to have my name enrolled as a voter for the election of the Board of Commissioners for the District of _____, [as landowner, lessee, or proxy for A.B., as the case may be.]
Dated the _____ day of _____ [Signed.]
[Place of abode and business of Claimant.]

No. VII.

FINES FOR ASSAULTS. AN ORDINANCE to provide for the application of Fines imposed in cases of Summary Conviction for Assault. [22nd April, 1845.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient in cases of wanton and unprovoked assault, where the person assaulted shall have received some bodily injury, and where a fine shall be imposed and levied upon any party who shall have been summarily convicted for such offence, that a part of the fine so levied be awarded by way of compensation to the party injured:

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by His Excellency the Governor of New Zealand, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

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English Acts.

1. When any person shall be convicted before any Police Magistrate or any two Justices of the Peace of an assault, and it shall appear upon the evidence of a credible witness (other than the party assaulted) that such assault was wanton and unprovoked and attended with bodily injury to the person assaulted, and where in any such case a fine shall have been imposed upon the offender, it shall be lawful for such Police Magistrate or Justices as aforesaid, when it shall appear to him or them proper that compensation be made for the injury inflicted, to award to the party injured such portion of the fine so levied as to them shall seem meet: Provided always that the sum so to be awarded shall not in any case exceed one-half of the fine levied.

Power to Magistrates to award a portion of fines to the injured party.

No. VIII.

AN ORDINANCE for bringing into operation within the Colony certain Acts of the Imperial Parliament.

ENGLISH ACTS.

[22nd April, 1845.]

WHEREAS certain Acts of the Imperial Parliament specified in the Schedule hereunto annexed have been passed for the amendment of the law, and it is expedient that the same be adopted and brought into operation within this Colony: Preamble.

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

1. The several Acts of the Imperial Parliament specified in the Schedule hereunto annexed shall be taken to extend to this Colony, and shall be applied therein in the administration of justice in like manner as Acts of Parliament passed before the establishment of the Colony are applied. Certain Acts adopted.

2. This Ordinance shall come into operation on the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five. Commencement of Ordinance.

SCHEDULE OF ACTS REFERRED TO.

- (1.) Stat. 4 and 5 Vict. c. 56, intituled "*An Act for taking away the Punishment of Death in certain cases, and substituting other Punishments in lieu thereof.*"
 - (2.) 6 Vict. c. 10, intituled "*An Act for removing doubts as to the Punishment which may be awarded under the provisions of an Act of the fourth and fifth years of Her present Majesty, for taking away the Punishment of Death in certain cases, for certain Offences therein specified.*"
 - (3.) 6 and 7 Vict. c. 85, intituled "*An Act for improving the Law of Evidence.*"
 - (4.) 6 and 7 Vict. c. 96, intituled "*An Act to amend the Law respecting Defamatory Words and Libel.*"
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