

No. 74.—An Act to amend an Ordinance of the Lieutenant-Governor and Legislative Council of New Zealand, intituled “An Ordinance to make provision for the safe custody of, and prevention of offences by, persons dangerously Insane, and for the care and maintenance of persons of unsound mind.” 8th October, 1866.

No. 75.—An Act for amending “An Act to establish Courts of Petty Sessions of the Peace of Civil and Criminal Jurisdiction in the Colony of New Zealand.” 8th October, 1866.

No. 76.—An Act to authorize the Preparation and the Interim Validity of amended Standing Orders for Private Bills. 8th October, 1866.

No. 77.—An Act to amend “The Law Practitioners Act Amendment Act, 1865.” 8th October, 1866.

No. 78.—An Act to repeal “The Auckland Reserves Act, 1863.” 8th October, 1866.

No. 79.—An Act to amend “The Supreme Court Act, 1860.” 8th October, 1866.

No. 80.—An Act to amend the Law relating to the Registration of Persons qualified to vote at Elections of Members of the House of Representatives. 8th October, 1866.

No. 81.—An Act to remove Doubts as to the Qualifications of Gold Fields Members of the House of Representatives and of Provincial Councils. 8th October, 1866.

No. 82.—An Act to apply a sum of Money out of the Ordinary Revenue to the service of the year ending the 30th day of June, 1867. 8th October, 1866.

PRIVATE ACTS.

No. 1.—An Act for amending and altering “The Dunedin Water Works Act, 1864,” to enable the Dunedin Water Works Company to raise Money on Mortgage, Bond, or Debenture, and for other purposes. 8th October, 1866.

No. 2.—An Act for the better Regulation and Management of the Lands of the Presbyterian Church of Otago, and for the Disposal of the Income and Revenue thereof. 8th October, 1866.

No. 3.—An Act to provide for the Construction of a Railway between the City of Dunedin, in the Province of Otago, and the Township of Balclutha, in the same Province.

Although Her Majesty has not been advised to interfere with their operation, I think it desirable to call your attention to the provisions of two of these enactments.

With regard to the Act No. 4, “to amend the Supreme Court Judges Act, 1858,” I have to observe that some doubt may arise as to the effect of this Act in giving the substitute of the Chief Justice any powers (if such there be) which by an Imperial Act are expressly given to the Chief Justice himself.

Section 2 of the Act No. 46 repeals among others certain Imperial Statutes specified in the Schedule which accompanies it. It should have been provided that these Acts should no longer be in force in the Colony, as the term “repeal” is incorrect with reference to Imperial Acts.

By section 11 of the Act No. 56, for the protection of certain animals, a power is vested in the Governor to put the Act into force in any of the Provinces of New Zealand.

I doubt not that your Government will well consider the prudence of giving effect to this Act in any Province in which the Natives are still restless and unsettled, or where tranquillity has been but recently restored.

I have, &c.,

BUCKINGHAM AND CHANDOS.

Governor Sir George Grey, K.C.B.

No. 37.

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Right Hon. the Duke of BUCKINGHAM to
Governor Sir GEORGE GREY, K.C.B.

(No. 19.)

SIR,—

Downing Street, 1st May, 1867.

I have the honor to transmit to you, for your information and guidance,