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ANALYSIS.

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1884, No. 21.

AN ACT to amend "The Destitute Persons Act, 1877."  
[6th November, 1884.]

Title.

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

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Destitute Persons Act 1877 Amendment Act, 1884." Short Title.

2. The words "on her behalf," in section sixteen of "The Destitute Persons Act, 1877" (hereinafter called "the said Act"), shall be and are hereby repealed. Section 16 of "Destitute Persons Act, 1877," repealed.

3. Section seventeen of the said Act shall henceforth be read as if the words "whether the defendant be present or not any Resident Magistrate present shall" were omitted therefrom, and the following shall be read as substituted in lieu thereof, namely: "Whether the defendant be present or not, or has or has not been served with a summons, any Resident Magistrate may." Section 17 of said Act amended.

4. When any husband unlawfully deserts his wife or leaves her without, or fails to provide her with, adequate means of support, or when any father or mother deserts his or her children under the age of fourteen years, or leaves them without, or fails to provide them with, adequate means of support, and goes to reside beyond the Colony of New Zealand, either temporarily or permanently, such husband, father, or mother shall be deemed to be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment with hard labour for a term of twelve months. Desertion of wife and children misdemeanor.

5. In any of the cases specified in the last-preceding section, if complaint be made on oath to a Resident Magistrate by any respectable person, such Resident Magistrate may, if satisfied that an offence has been committed within the meaning of the said section, but not otherwise, issue his warrant for the apprehension of the person against whom such complaint has been made. Resident Magistrate may issue warrant.

Notwithstanding anything in the said Act contained no warrant or apprehension shall be issued except by a Resident Magistrate.