

## AN ACT to amend "The Prisons Act, 1873."

[19th September, 1881.]

PRISONS ACT  
AMENDMENT.  
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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 Prisons Act Amendment Act, 1881." Short Title.

2. The Governor may, by Proclamation published in the *Gazette*, declare that such police-stations as he shall name therein shall be police-gaols, and all the provisions of "The Prisons Act, 1873," (herein referred to as "the said Act,") as to prisons shall apply to such police-gaols so far as applicable, save that prisoners whose sentences shall exceed thirty days' imprisonment may not be detained therein, except for such period as may elapse before they can be conveyed to a prison; and any constable may be appointed to be the gaoler of any police-gaol. Police-stations may be declared police-gaols.

3. The words "common gaol" or "gaol," wherever used in any Act or Ordinance in force in the colony, or in any rules or regulations made thereunder, or in any warrant or other instrument, whether or not the form of the same is prescribed by any such Act, Ordinance, rules, or regulations, shall be for all purposes whatsoever, subject to the provisions of the said Act and this Act, read as being the same as the words "prison" or "police-gaol" respectively, according to the length of the term of imprisonment to which the person who may be affected by such Act, Ordinance, rule, warrant, or instrument shall have been sentenced or committed. "Common gaol" or "gaol" shall be read as being the same as "prison" or "police-gaol."