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1919, No. 20.

AN ACT for giving Effect in New Zealand to certain Treaties of Peace made by His Majesty. Title.
[29th October, 1919.]

WHEREAS at Versailles on the twenty-eighth day of June, nineteen hundred and nineteen, a Treaty of Peace with Germany was signed on behalf of His Majesty: And whereas certain other treaties of peace have been or may be made by His Majesty with other enemy Powers allied with Germany: And whereas it is expedient that effect should be given in New Zealand to the said treaty with Germany and to all such other treaties of peace as aforesaid: And whereas by the aforesaid Treaty of Peace so made with Germany the Government of Germany has surrendered all right and title to the Islands of Western Samoa now in the possession of His Majesty's Forces: And whereas in pursuance of the said treaty the League of Nations may be pleased to confer upon His Majesty in right of his Dominion of New Zealand a mandate to govern the said Islands for and on behalf of the said League: And whereas His Majesty may be pleased to confer upon the Parliament and Executive Government of New Zealand authority to exercise on behalf of His Majesty any jurisdiction which may be acquired by him over the said Islands by virtue of such mandate: And whereas it is expedient that the Parliament of New Zealand should approve and accept such mandate, and should make provision for the execution thereof and for the exercise of all authority and jurisdiction which may be conferred by or in pursuance thereof: Preamble.

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

Short Title.

1. This Act may be cited as the *Treaties of Peace Act, 1919.*

Power of Governor-General in Council to give effect to treaties of peace.

2. (1.) The Governor-General may, by Order in Council, make all such provisions as may appear to him to be necessary for giving full effect to any of the provisions of the said Treaty of Peace with Germany, or of any other treaty of peace which may be or may have been made by His Majesty with any enemy Power which is or has been in alliance with Germany against His Majesty.

Penalties.

(2.) Any such Order in Council may provide for the imposition of penalties in respect of breaches of the provisions thereof.

Effect of Orders in Council.

(3.) The provisions of any such Order in Council shall take effect as if enacted in this Act, any other Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approval and acceptance of a mandate for the government of Western Samoa.

3. The acceptance by His Majesty in right of his Dominion of New Zealand of any mandate for the government of the said Islands of Western Samoa which His Majesty may be pleased to accept from the League of Nations in pursuance of the aforesaid Treaty of Peace with Germany is hereby approved, authorized, ratified, and confirmed.

Governor-General in Council may exercise any jurisdiction conferred by the mandate.

4. The exercise by the Governor-General in Council of any jurisdiction or authority over the said Islands of Western Samoa which His Majesty may be pleased in pursuance of any such mandate to confer upon the Executive Government of New Zealand is hereby approved, authorized, ratified, and confirmed.

Governor-General in Council may make necessary provisions in New Zealand for the effective exercise of jurisdiction over Samoa.

5. The Governor-General is hereby empowered to make, by Order in Council, such provisions as he deems necessary in New Zealand for the due and effective exercise of any jurisdiction or authority so conferred upon the Executive Government of New Zealand for the government of the said Islands of Western Samoa, and all such provisions shall have the force of law in New Zealand as if enacted in this Act, notwithstanding the provisions of any other Act to the contrary.

Duration of Act.

6. This Act shall remain in force for twelve months and no longer.