New Zealand.



DEMISE OF THE CROWN.

1908, No. 42.

An Act to consolidate certain Enactments of the General Assembly relating to the Necessary Provision for certain Matters in case of any Demise of the Crown.

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

1. (1.) The Short Title of this Act is "The Demise of the Crown Act, 1908."

(2.) This Act is a consolidation of the enactments mentioned in the Schedule hereto.

2. The General Assembly in being at any demise of the Crown shall not be determined or dissolved by such demise, but shall continue as long as it would have continued but for such demise, unless it is sooner prorogued or dissolved by the Governor.

3. At the first meeting of the General Assembly after any demise of the Crown the members of the General Assembly shall take fresh oaths of allegiance to the sovereign for the time being, and section forty-six of the Constitution Act shall be read and apply accordingly:

Provided that nothing herein shall be construed to require the General Assembly to meet on account of the demise of the Crown.

4. Any demise of the Crown shall not affect anything done in New Zealand before the day whereon the Governor by Proclamation notifies such demise; and all things done in New Zealand at any time after such demise, but before the day of the publication of the Gazette containing the aforesaid Proclamation, and which but for this Act might be affected by any such demise, shall have the same effect and be of the same force as if no such demise had happened.

5. Every Commission, warrant, or other authority for the exercise of any office or employment of any kind or nature issued or exercised by the Governor in Council or the Governor, or by any other

Short Title.

Enactments consolidated.

Parliament not dissolved by demise of the Crown.

1888, No. 3, sec. 2

Members of General Assembly to take fresh oaths on demise of Crown. 1901, No. 16, sec. 3

Demise of the Crown not to affect things done before Proclamation thereof.

1888, No. 3, sec. 3

All appointments, &c., by the Governor to continue in force

person in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, in virtue of his office, notwithstanding or under the authority of any Act of the Imperial Parliament or of the demise of the Crown. General Assembly, or of any rules or regulations made thereunder 1888, No. 3, sec. 4 respectively, shall continue in full force, notwithstanding any demise of the Crown, until duly revoked or cancelled, and shall be of the same effect as if no such demise had happened, anything in an Act of the Imperial Parliament passed in the first year of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, chapter four, to the contrary notwithstanding.

6. No action or other process or proceeding, civil or criminal, in All civil or criminal or to which His Majesty is a party, or which has been commenced process, on behalf of His Majesty, to conor carried on in his name or by his authority shall by reason of his demise tinue notwithstandabate, discontinue, or be in any manner affected; but every such action, ing demise. process, or proceeding shall and may be carried on, enforced, or otherwise Ibid, sec. 5 completed or acted on in the name of his successor and as if such demise had not happened.

7. All contracts of every kind lawfully entered into by or on behalf contracts not of His Majesty with any person, body, or authority, and all benefit affected by demise and advantage thereof, and all liability in respect thereof, shall re- Ibid, sec. 5 spectively attach and belong to the heirs and successors of His Majesty, although they are not expressly named in any such contract.

SCHEDULE.

ENACTMENTS CONSOLIDATED.

1888, No. 3.—" The Demise of the Crown Act, 1888." 1901, No. 16.—"The Promissory Oaths Act, 1901": Section 3.