This Public Bill originated in the House of Representatives, and, having this day passed as now printed, is transmitted to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

House of Representatives, 14th July, 1891.

Hon. Mr. Seddon.

ALIENS ACT AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

1. Short Title.

2. Children of naturalised persons deemed to be naturalised.

- 3. Facilities given to persons naturalised elsewhere.
- 4. Fee for naturalisation abolished except in the case of Chinese.
- 5. Repeal.

A BILL INTITULED

An Act relating to the Children of Naturalised Persons and the Title. Charge for Letters of Naturalisation.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in 5 Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :-

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Aliens Act Amendment Short Title. Act, 1891."

2. Where the father, or the mother being a widow, has obtained Children of 10 letters of naturalisation in New Zealand, every child of such father naturalised persons deemed to be or mother who during infancy has become resident with such father naturalised. or mother in any part of New Zealand shall be deemed and taken to be himself or herself naturalised, and have all the rights and privileges of a natural-born subject.

3. Section seven of "The Aliens Act, 1880," is hereby repealed, Facilities given and, in lieu thereof, it is enacted as follows:—

If any person, not being of the Chinese race, resident in New elsewhere. Zealand, who has previously obtained any certificate or letters of naturalisation in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or any part thereof, or in any British colony or possession, desires to be naturalised in New Zealand, he shall submit such certificate or letters of naturalisation to the Governor, together with a statutory declaration, to be subscribed by the applicant, to the effect that he is the person named in the said certificate or letters of naturalisation, and that the same has been obtained without any fraud or intentional false statement, and that the signature and the seal (if any) thereto are, to the best of his belief and knowledge, genuine;

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And thereupon the Governor may, at his discretion, without requiring from the applicant any further residence in New Zealand, or (if the applicant has previously taken a similar oath) the oath prescribed under the aforestaid Act, direct the Colonial Secretary to indorse upon such certificate or letters a memorandum, in the form or to the effect in the Schedule hereto, and a note of such certificate or letters and memorandum, with the particulars of the applicant's name, age, and nationality, shall be enrolled in the same manner as in the case 10 of the issue of letters of naturalisation in the colony.

The person named in the said certificate or letters of naturallisation shall, for all purposes, from the date of the aforessaid memorandum, be deemed to be naturalised within the colony as if letters of naturalisation, under the 15 seal of the colony, had been issued to the said person.

Fee for naturalisation abolished except in the case of Chinese.

Repeal.

4. No fee shall be paid henceforth by any person in respect of the enrollment or indorsement of letters of naturalisation by the Colonial Secretary:

Provided that nothing in this section contained shall apply to 20

persons of the Chinese race.

5. "The Aliens Act Amendment Act, 1882," is hereby repealed.

SCHEDULE.

MEMORANDUM TO BE INDORSED ON LETTERS OF NATURALISATION.

Accepted, noted, and registered in New Zealand.

The within-named is hereby naturalised for all purposes within the Colony of New Zealand, from the date of this memorandum.

Dated at Wellington, New Zealand, this day of , 18 Colonial Secretary of New Zealand.

By Authority: General Didsbury, Government Printer, Wellington.—1891.