

*Hon. Mr. Pitt.*

ADMINISTRATION ACT AMENDMENT.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Law relating to the Grant of Probate and Letters of Administration of Deceased Persons Estates. 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 Administration Act Amendment Act, 1904"; and it shall form part of and be read together with "The Administration Act, 1879." Short Title.
- 10 2. The Supreme Court shall have exclusive jurisdiction to grant probate and letters of administration of the estates of deceased persons, and such jurisdiction shall be exercisable only by a Judge of that Court. Supreme Court to have exclusive jurisdiction in granting probates, &c.
- 15 3. All probates and letters of administration heretofore granted by a Registrar of the Supreme Court, or by a District Court or a Judge thereof, are hereby declared to be as valid as if the same had been granted by a Judge of the Supreme Court. Validating probates, &c., granted by Registrars and District Courts.
- 20 4. All wills and other documents relating to probates and letters of administration heretofore granted by any District Court or a Judge thereof shall be transmitted by the Clerk of such Court to the nearest office of a Registrar of the Supreme Court. Documents to be transferred to the Supreme Court.
- 25 5. Section twenty-seven of "The District Courts Act, 1858," and so much of section twelve of "The District Courts Act Amendment Act, 1865," as refers to the first-mentioned section, and sections three and four of "The District Courts Act, 1880," are hereby repealed. Repeals.

*New Clause.*

6. Nothing herein shall be deemed to affect the jurisdiction conferred on the Native Land Court by section fifty-one of "The Native Land Court Act, 1894." Saving.