

Colonel Fraser.

ALLEN DISQUALIFICATION REMOVAL.

ANALYSIS.

Title.
Preamble.
1. Short Title.

2. Indemnity to William Shepherd Allen in respect of election held for Te Aroha District in December, 1890.

A BILL INTITLED

AN ACT to remove the Disqualification imposed upon William Shepherd Allen.

5 WHEREAS on the trial of an election petition regarding the election of a member of the House of Representatives for the Te Aroha Electoral District, the Judges who tried the petition found that William Shepherd Allen had, by his agent, been guilty of an illegal practice, and declared the election void: And whereas such finding has been reported to the House of Representatives, and duly entered
10 in the Journals of the House:

And whereas it appears that the aforesaid election occurred during the absence in England of the said William Shepherd Allen, who had not, and could not have had, any cognisance of the illegal act committed by his agent; and it is expedient under the circumstances that he should be relieved from the penalties or disqualifications imposed by "The Corrupt Practices Act, 1881:"

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

20 1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Allen Disqualification Removal Act, 1891." Short Title.

2. The said William Shepherd Allen is hereby freed and discharged from and indemnified against all penalties, forfeitures, incapacities, and disabilities that he may have incurred by reason of any thing he may by his agent have done in and about the election held in and for the Te Aroha Electoral District in the month of December, one thousand eight hundred and ninety; and, notwithstanding anything he may have done or omitted to do, he shall be eligible for election to a seat in the House of Representatives, and shall hold the appointments he held prior to the said election, and possess the privileges he possessed prior to the said election, as if he had not committed any offence under "The Corrupt Practices Prevention Act, 1881," and no proceedings for any offences under "The Corrupt Practices Prevention Act, 1881," committed by him prior to the passing of this Act shall be commenced against him in any Court:

35 Provided that the foregoing provisions shall not be taken as altering or in any way affecting the certificate of the Judges that the said Te Aroha election is void.