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, 12th July, 1882.

Sir G. Grey.

AFFIRMATIONS IN LIEU OF OATHS EXTENSION.

ANALYSIS.

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2. Affirmation in lieu of oath in all cases.

3. Penalties, &c., in respect of oaths to apply to affirmations.

A BILL INTITULED

An Act to further enable Affirmations to be taken in lieu of Oaths. WHEREAS cases still exist in New Zealand where persons are required to take Preamble.

or subscribe an oath: And whereas it is expedient to extend the admission of affirmations to all such cases:

BE IT THEREFORE 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 Affirmations in lieu of Oaths Exten-Short Title. sion Act, 1882."

2. In all cases where any person is now or may hereafter be required to take Affirmation in lieu or subscribe an oath, it shall be lawful for every such person to make or subscribe in lieu thereof an affirmation or declaration, in the words following, that is to say,-

"I do truly affirm and declare that" [Here insert matter to be affirmed and declared].

which affirmation or declaration shall be of the same force and effect as if such person had taken or subscribed the said oath. And every person required, authorized, or qualified by any Act or law in force in New Zealand or otherwise to take or administer such an oath shall permit and accept in lieu thereof the affirmation or 20 declaration aforesaid.

3. The same penalties, forfeitures, and disabilities which are now in force and Penalties, &c., in are attached respectively to the neglect, refusal, and false or corrupt taking or apply to affirmations. subscribing the oath aforesaid shall apply and attach in like manner in respect of the neglect, refusal, and false or corrupt making or subscribing of the said 25 affirmation or declaration.