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, 25th September, 1902.

Hon. Mr. Hall-Jones.

## AUSTRALASIAN NAVAL DEFENCE.

## ANALYSIS.

Title. 1. Short Title. 2. Annual contribution of New Zealand.

## A BILL INTITULED

An Act to make Further Provision for the Maintenance of a Title. Naval Force in Australasian Waters.

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

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Australasian Naval Short Title. Defence Act, 1902."

2. (1.) The Colonial Treasurer is hereby authorised to pay annually Annual contribution to His Majesty, out of the Consolidated Fund, without further appro- of New Zealand. 10 priation than this Act, the contribution of New Zealand towards the maintenance of a naval force for the protection of shipping in Australasian waters, such contribution being assessed in the manner prescribed by "The Australasian Naval Defence Act, 1887."

(2.) This Act shall be deemed to have been in force from the 15 termination of the period of ten years provided by the agreement

referred to in the last-mentioned Act.

By Authority: JOHN MACKAY, Government Printer, Wellington .- 1902. No. 144-3.