

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.

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Mr. George Fisher.

BOOK PURCHASERS' PROTECTION.

ANALYSIS.

Title.	3. Vendor to give duplicate of agreement to purchaser.
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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT for the Protection of Persons Purchasing Books from Title
Book-agents and Others.

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 Book Purchasers' Short Title.
Protection Act, 1891."

2. After the passing of this Act, every agreement for the purchase of any books, or of engravings, lithographs, or pictures, or of
10 any other like matter, whether illustrated or not, and hereinafter termed "printed matter," shall be absolutely void in every case where
such printed matter is not to be delivered to the purchaser at the date of such agreement in a completed form, and so as to embrace the whole
of the volumes or numbers of the printed matter, unless the purchaser
15 of such books, engravings, lithographs, pictures, or other printed matter shall have first signed an agreement on a form in which, in red capital letters, not less than great primer, the following words and figures shall first have been printed—namely, "The total liability
of the purchaser under this agreement is [*inserting the amount, in
20 similar printed letters and also in printed figures of like size*]," and unless such form shall have been printed or written in black, wholly or partly, across and subsequent to the printing of such red letters and figures.

3. The vendor of such books, engravings, lithographs, pictures, or
25 other printed matter, or his agent, shall at the time of the signing of the agreement aforesaid also hand over to the purchaser a duplicate of the agreement, having printed on it in addition the words "Duplicate to be kept by purchaser;" and the vendor shall not be entitled to recover under such agreement unless he produces an acknowledgment
30 by the purchaser that he has received such duplicate of the agreement as aforesaid.

4. In any action hereafter arising in any Court on any contract
for the purchase of such printed matter, whether entered into before
or after the passing of this Act, the Court may determine the value
35 of the said printed matter, proof of which shall be on the vendor.