

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,
16th September, 1896.

[AS AMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.]

Hon. Mr. Seddon.

CHINESE IMMIGRANTS ACT AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

Title. Preamble. 1. Short Title. 2. Poll-tax increased to £100.	3. Section 9 of principal Act amended. 4. Number of Chinese to be brought to colony limited. 4A. Act not to apply in certain cases. 5. Duration of Act.
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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to further amend the Law regulating the Immigration of Chinese. Title.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the present session of Parliament, Preamble.
 5 and intituled "The Asiatic Restriction Act, 1896," the provisions hereinafter contained were enacted respecting Asiatics, but that Act has been reserved by His Excellency the Governor for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon, and it is expedient in the meantime to bring those provisions into operation respecting Chinese
 10 in manner hereinafter appearing :

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 Chinese Immigrants Short Title.
 15 Act Amendment Act, 1896," and it shall form part of and be read together with "The Chinese Immigrants Act, 1881" (hereinafter called "the principal Act").

2. Section five of the principal Act is hereby amended by substituting the words "one hundred" in lieu of the word "ten." Poll-tax increased to £100.

3. Section nine of the principal Act is hereby amended by substituting the words "one hundred" in lieu of the word "ten" where that word first occurs therein. Section 9 of principal Act amended.

4. Section four of "The Chinese Immigrants Act Amendment Act, 1888," is hereby amended by substituting the words "two Number of Chinese to be brought to colony limited.
 25 hundred tons" in lieu of the words "one hundred tons."

New Clause.

4A. This Act shall not apply to any Chinese passenger who shall prove, by statutory declaration or otherwise, to the satisfaction of the Collector of Customs at the port at which such passenger proposes to land that he had left China or Hongkong for New Zealand before the first day of October, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six. Act not to apply in certain cases.
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5. This Act shall continue in operation until the coming into operation of "The Asiatic Restriction Act, 1896," but no longer. Duration of Act.