

Mr. Collins.

DIVORCE ACT AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

<p>Title. Preamble. 1. Short Title.</p>	<p>2. Acts incorporated. 3. Amendment of "The Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Act, 1867."</p>
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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Act, 1867." Title.

WHEREAS the law relating to divorce is not equal in its operation and effect towards both men and women: Preamble.

5 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 Divorce Act Amendment Act, 1896," and it shall come into operation on the *first* day of Short Title.

10 *January*, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.
2. This Act shall be read together with "The Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Act, 1867" (hereinafter called "the said Act"), and all Acts amending the same. Acts incorporated.

15 3. From and after the date of this Act coming into operation, any wife may present a petition to the Supreme Court praying for a dissolution of her marriage upon any ground upon which her husband may, under the said Act, petition for a divorce. And, notwithstanding anything contained in the said Act, the rights and responsibilities of Amendment of "The Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Act, 1867."

20 husband and wife shall for the purposes of the said Act be equal.