

Mr. Holmes.

DISTRESS.

ANALYSIS.

<p>Title.</p> <p>1. Short Title.</p> <p>2. Commencement of Act.</p> <p>3. Landlords, &amp;c., not to distrain for rent due the property of any person except that of the tenant owing the rent.</p>	<p>4. Personal clothing, bed-clothes, bedding, tools of trade, and furniture, to the value of £25, exempted from distress.</p> <p>5. Agreements to enable persons to seize, under distress, exempted clothes, bedding, tools, and furniture, to be null and void.</p>
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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to abolish Distress in certain Cases.

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

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| <p>1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Distress Act, 1882."</p> <p>2. This Act shall come into operation on the first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two.</p> <p>3. It shall not be lawful for any landlord, person, or corporation, to seize or distrain for rent due in respect of any lands, messuages, tenements, or premises, the goods, chattels, or property of any person or persons, save and except of the person or persons owing such rent, although the said goods, chattels, or property may be in or upon the lands, messuages, tenements, or premises in respect of which such rent is due at the time when such distress is made or levied.</p> <p>4. The personal and family clothing, the bed-clothes, bedding, tools of trade, and necessary furniture to the value in all of at least twenty-five pounds sterling of every person whomsoever, are hereby declared to be absolutely exempt from being sold, seized, taken, or levied upon, under any distress of any kind or for any purpose whatsoever, notwithstanding that such distress may be ordered, issued, made, or levied under or by virtue of any ordinance, statute, law, power, or authority whatsoever.</p> <p>5. Every covenant, deed, contract, or agreement executed, made, or entered into, or that hereafter may be executed, made, or entered into in order to enable any person, corporation, or Court whatsoever to seize, take, levy upon, or sell, under distress, the before-mentioned exempted clothing, bed-clothes, bedding, tools of trade, or furniture, for the purpose of paying, satisfying, or discharging, wholly or in part, any rent, debt, penalty, fine, liability, or obligation due, owing, or incurred, or that may become due or owing, or be incurred, or for any purpose that contravenes or is inconsistent with or repugnant to the provisions of this Act, is hereby declared to be and the same is and shall be null and void : Provided that nothing in this Act contained shall limit or affect the right or power of the owner of such exempted clothing, bed-clothes, bedding, tools of trade, and furniture to voluntarily give, sell, or mortgage the same, or any part thereof, in such manner and upon such terms and conditions as he shall think fit.</p> | <p>Title.</p> <p>Short Title.</p> <p>Commencement of Act.</p> <p>Landlords, &amp;c., not to distrain for rent due the property of any person except that of the tenant owing the rent.</p> <p>Personal clothing, bed-clothes, bedding, tools of trade, and furniture, to the value of £25, exempted from distress.</p> <p>Agreements to enable persons to seize, under distress, exempted clothes, bedding, tools, and furniture, to be null and void.</p> |
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