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## A BILL INTITULED

An Act to amend the Law of Distress for Rent.

BE IT 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 Distress Act, 1885."

2. This Act shall come into force on the first day of January, one Commencing

thousand eight hundred and eighty-six.

3. After the coming into operation of this Act no person shall No distress except distrain or levy, for rent due in respect of any lands, messuages, tene-10 ments, or premises, the goods, chattels, or property, other than agisted stock, of any person or persons, save and except of the person or persons owing such rent.

4. All goods and chattels being the property of any person owing Property under bill rent, and of and over which such person has given a bill of sale, shall, 15 for the purposes of distress for rent, be deemed to be the property of the person owing such rent, if such goods or chattels be found in or upon the land, messuage, tenements, or premises in respect of which such rent is due at the time the distraint for such rent is made.

5. No person shall distrain or levy for rent upon stock not the Distress on agisted 20 property of the person owing such rent, agisted on the land, tene- stock only to extend to indebtedness for ments, or premises in respect of which such rent is due, for a greater agistment. sum than the amount due for the agistment of such stock on the said lands, tenements, or premises at the time such distress or levy is made, to the person owing such rent.

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6. The personal and family clothing, the bedclothes, bedding, and tools of trade are hereby declared to be absolutely exempted from being sold, seized, taken, or levied upon under any distress for rent.

7. No person shall distrain for rent any stock that may have trespassed upon any land: Provided always that the owner of any stock so trespassing shall be liable for any damages by reason of such trespass.

8. No person shall be entitled to distrain at any one time for more than six months' rent, and shall not be entitled to successive distresses for rent in arrear at the time of any distress made.

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9. In the construction of this Act the word "stock" means and includes horses, cattle, and sheep.

By Authority: George Didsbury, Government Printer, Wellington.—1885.